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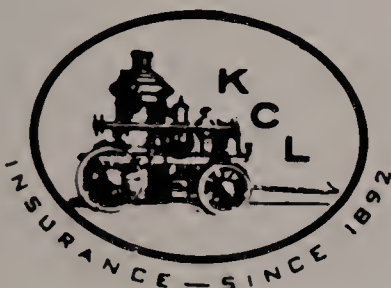


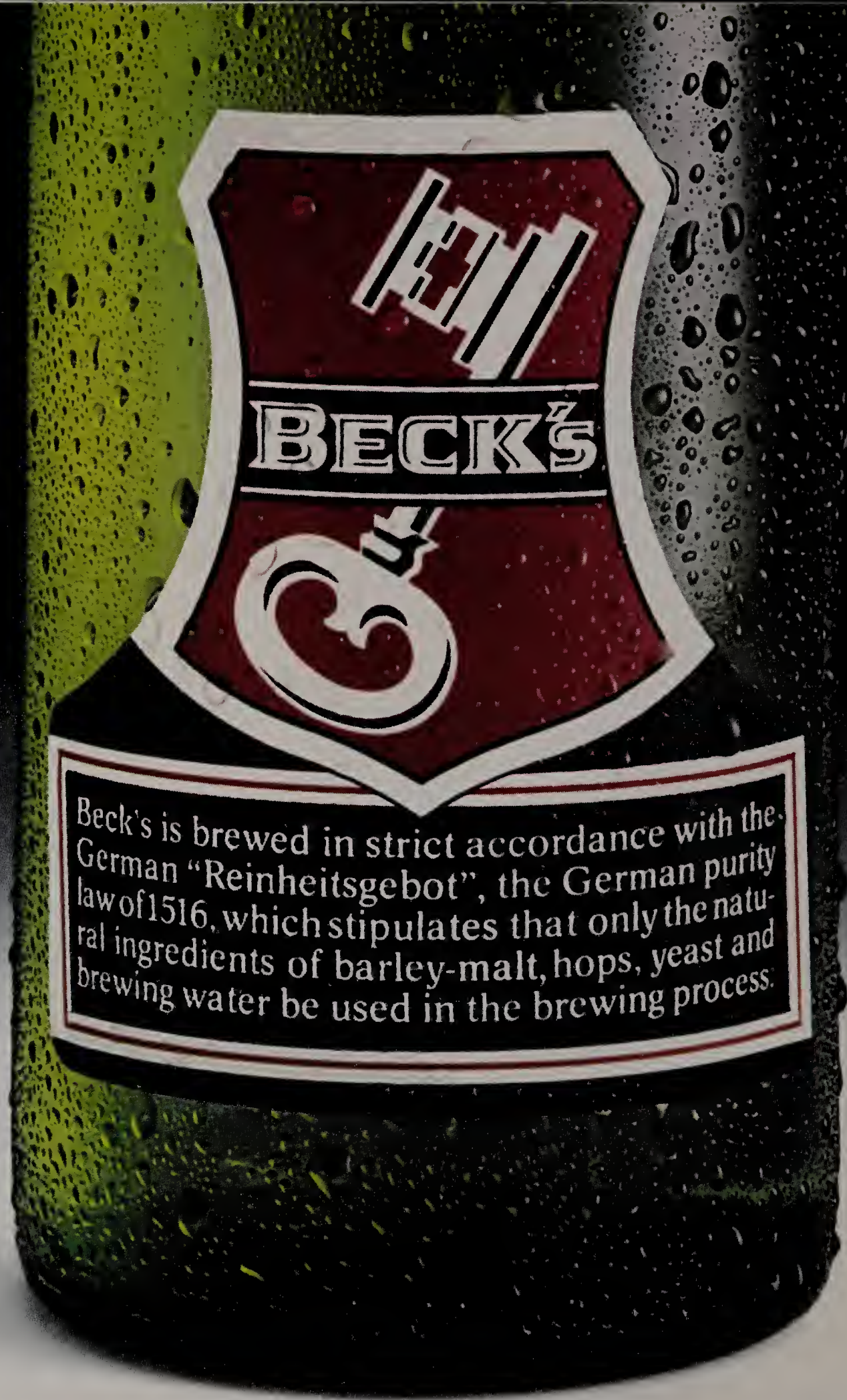
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Baseball fans from outside of New England share a similar appreciation of the park. Tourists from all over the world have made it a point to stop by with the hope of catching a glimpse of the Green Monster and get a feel for the intimacy for which Fenway is so well known.

The ballpark has undergone cosmetic changes through the years — the installation of luxury suites atop the grandstand roof in 1982-83 and internal renovations to the ticket office and ladies' rest rooms are some of the more recent — but the essence of the park remains intact. This season fans will enjoy the new color videoboard with a black and white messageboard that was installed in centerfield over the winter replacing the former board that was erected after the 1975 season.

The diagram on page 42 shows the location of all Fenway Park facilities and the maps on page 44 show the various methods and routes leading here. We urge you to use public transportation as often as possible when coming to the ballpark.

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MANAGER

JOSEPH MICHAEL (JOE) MORGAN #35

Age: 57; Born: November 19, 1930, Walpole, Mass. Ht.: 5-10; Wt.: 180. Green eyes, Brown hair. Bats and Throws: Left. Home: Walpole, Mass. Married Dottie Glebus. Children: Cathy 10/15/58, Joe Jr. 7/17/63, Bill 7/7/64, Barbara 12/23/66.

Joe Morgan was named interim Red Sox manager on July 14 replacing John McNamara. The Red Sox were 43-42 in fourth place 9 games behind. On July 20 he was named manager for the rest of the season.

Joe made the adjustment in 1987 back to coaching third base and did an excellent job. Previously he was the bullpen coach in 1986 and first base coach in 1985. He is in his 37th professional season. Morgan joined John McNamara's staff in 1985 following two years as a Red Sox scout.

Morgan joined the Red Sox organization in 1974 and managed AAA Pawtucket from 1974-82. In 1977 he was voted International League Manager of the Year. Before joining the Red Sox, he began his managerial career in the Pittsburgh system. Morgan managed at Raleigh (1966-67), York (1968-69), Columbus (1970) and Charleston (1971 & 1973). He captured Manager of the Year honors in 1966, 1969 and 1973. Joe was a coach with the Pirates in 1972.

A graduate of Walpole High School and Boston College (1953), Joe signed with the Boston Braves organization in 1952. He spent 15 seasons as a minor league infielder-outfielder with three .300 seasons. Morgan had short stints in the majors with the Milwaukee Braves and Kansas City A's in 1959, Philadelphia and Cleveland in 1960, Cleveland in 1961 and St. Louis in 1964.

COACH

GERALD EDWARD (JERRY) McNERTNEY #32

Age: 52; Born: August 7, 1936, Boone, IA. Ht.: 6-1; Wt.: 195. Blue eyes, Brown hair. Bats and Throws: Right. Home: Ames, IA. Married Norma Watne. Children: Jason 12/2/78, Molly 11/5/80.

Jerry was named bullpen coach for the rest of the 1988 season on July 28. He replaced Rac Slider who became the third base coach when Joe Morgan was named manager. McNertney had been conducting baseball camps in Iowa this summer after coaching in the Yankee organization from 1978-87. He served as coach at West Haven in '78 and at Columbus since 1979.

A former first baseman who turned catcher in his third year of pro ball, he appeared in 590 major league games from 1964-73 with the Chicago White Sox, Seattle Pilots, Milwaukee Brewers, St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates. His best year was 1960 when he hit .341 and drove in 125 runs for Idaho Falls in the Pioneer League. He had a lifetime average of .237 with 27 HR and 163 RBI.

McNertney attended Iowa State from 1955-58 and finished during the off-season in 1977 earning a degree in physical education. He played first base there and won the "Hardest Worker Award." He was one of a class of 18 at Gilbert H.S. in Iowa where he played forward in basketball and shortstop in baseball.



COACH

WILLIAM CHARLES (FISH, BILL) FISCHER #34

Age: 57; Born: October 11, 1930, Wausau, Wis. Ht.: 6-0; Wt.: 210. Blue eyes, Brown hair. Bats and Throws: Right. Home: Council Bluffs, Iowa. Married Valeria Hager.

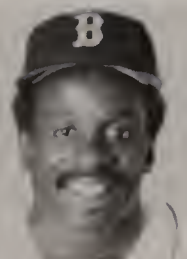
This is Fischer's fourth year as the Red Sox pitching coach. He stresses control and the staff has responded by finishing second in least walks in the A.L. in 1987 after allowing the fewest in 1986.

Fischer came to John McNamara's staff from Kansas City where he had been a minor league pitching instructor in 1984. Prior to that assignment Bill was the pitching coach for Cincinnati where he worked with McNamara in 1979-82 and with Russ Nixon in 1983.

He was signed by the Chicago White Sox in 1948. His pitching career lasted 20 years, which included nine seasons in the major leagues. Along with the White Sox he also pitched for Detroit, Washington, the Kansas City A's and Minnesota. Bill served in the Marine Corps for two years (1952-54).

Fischer is known for his outstanding ability to throw strikes. He holds the major league record for most consecutive innings without giving up a base on balls, 84.1. In 1965 he pitched a 1-0 shutout for Indianapolis in which 70 of his 90 pitches were strikes.

Bill was a scout for the new Kansas City Royals from 1969-74 and was their minor league pitching instructor from 1975-78. After his stint in Cincinnati he returned to the Royals in 1984 serving in the same capacity as he did when he left. In 1976 he received the Ewing M. Kauffman Award for his outstanding contribution to the Kansas City organization.



COACH

ALONZA BENJAMIN (AL) BUMBRY #37

Age: 41; Born: April 21, 1947, Fredericksburg, VA. Ht.: 5-8; Wt.: 175. Brown eyes, Black hair. Bats: Left; Throws: Right. Home: Lutherville, MD.

Al is the Red Sox first base coach in 1988 after two years in the club's minor league system as an outfield and base running instructor. In 1987 Bumbry was inducted into the Baltimore Orioles Hall of Fame.

He was named a Red Sox minor league coach specializing in outfield play and base running in January 1986. He ended a 13-year M.L. career in 1985. Bumbry spent his entire career with Baltimore except 1985 when he hit .200 (19-95) in 68 games for San Diego. Al had a .281 career avg (1422-5053) in 1496 games with 254 stolen bases. He holds the Orioles career stolen base record (252) and is 4th on their all-time hit list (1,403). Al won the A.L. Rookie of the Year Award in 1973. In 1980 he became the 1st Oriole to have 200 hits in a season. Al served 11 months in Vietnam as a platoon leader, earned a Bronze Star and was discharged as a 1st lieutenant in May 1971. He is very active in numerous charities in the Maryland area.

COACH

WALTER JOHN (WALT) HRINIAC #33

Age: 45; Born: May 22, 1943, Natick, Mass. Ht.: 5-11; Wt.: 178. Green eyes, Blond hair. Bats: Left; Throws: Right. Home: No. Andover, Mass.

The Red Sox led the major leagues in hitting in 1987 and Hriniac's instruction and diligence were important factors. The club's hitting instructor is in his 12th season as a Red Sox coach. Only three coaches for the Red Sox have equaled or bettered that tenure (Tom Daly, 14 yrs.; Del Baker and Paul Schreiber, 12 yrs.). Walter also was the first base coach in 1986-87 after previously doubling as bullpen/batting coach.

Before joining the Red Sox in 1977 Hriniac put in 16 years as a player, coach and minor league manager. He managed Montreal's rookie team at Lethbridge, Alb., Can. in the Pioneer League in 1976 after starting the year as a coach with Denver. In 1974-75 he was first base coach with the Expos, following two years as manager of their Jamestown team in the NYP League.

Hriniac signed a reported \$50,000 contract with the Milwaukee Braves in 1961 after an outstanding career at Natick, Mass. H.S. He was an All-Scholastic choice as a shortstop, football quarterback and hockey center. His 13-year pro playing career included two years with the Braves and Padres as a catcher in 1968-69.

He conducts a hitting school for youngsters for several weeks in the off-season.



COACH

RACHEL W. (RAC) SLIDER #36

Age: 54; Born: December 23, 1933, Simms, Tex. Ht.: 5-8; Wt.: 160. Brown eyes, Brown hair. Bats: Left; Throws: Right. Home: DeKalb, Tex. Married LaMena.

Slider is a hard-working, dedicated coach who has spent 35 years in professional baseball, the last 27 in the Red Sox system as a player, manager and instructor. In 1987 he joined John McNamara's staff as the bullpen coach, his first major league opportunity. He became the third base coach on July 14, 1988 when Joe Morgan was named manager.

In 1986 Rac was a roving instructor in the minor league system after 21 consecutive years as a manager. He managed AAA Pawtucket in 1985 and AA New Britain in 1983-84. He led New Britain to the Eastern League playoff championship in 1983, and produced pennants at Greenville, S.C. (1970) and Winter Haven (1979). Slider was named Manager of the Year in 1970 and 1979.

He originally came up through the Kansas City A's farm system and had a major league trial with the A's in the spring of 1959. Rac's best years as a player were 1955 (.320 for Pampa in the West Texas-New Mexico League) and 1961 (.300 for Honolulu, PCL). He was traded to the Red Sox organization in 1962, and played two more seasons before starting his managerial career at Harlan, Ky. in the Appalachian League in 1965.

Slider is a 1951 graduate of James Bowie H.S. in Simms, Tex. and still lives and ranches in East Texas in the off-season.



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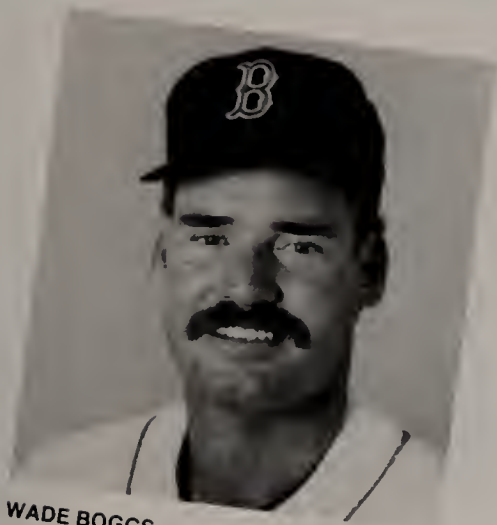
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ROGER CLEMENS



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ROGER CLEMENS

Won 2nd str. Cy Young Award in 1987. . . Was 20-9 with 2.48 ERA . . . Became only 3rd M.L. pitcher (J. Palmer, '75-'76; S. Koufax, '65-'66) to win award consecutively . . . Led M.L. in CG (18) and SHO (7). . . A.L. Player of the Week twice . . . Named to final A.P. M.L. team & UPI & Sporting News A.L. teams . . . Baseball America A.L. Pitcher of the Year & Red Sox Most Valuable Pitcher by Boston Writers . . . His 24-4, 2.48 marks led A.L. in 1986 . . . Was WP in final game of College W.S. at U. of Tex. in 1983, 25-7 with 241 Ks in 275 IP in 2 yrs. . . Resides with wife, Debbie, and son in Katy, TX.

WADE BOGGS

Won 4th batting title in 1987 (.363) & 3rd in a row . . . Led A.L. in OBP (M.L. high .461) . . . Set career highs with 24 HR, 89 RBI, 324 TB, .588 slug. pct., 70 XBH . . . Had 25-gm. hit streak (44-96, .458) . . . Voted to UPI, Baseball Amer. & Sporting News A.L. teams, AP M.L. team & TSN Silver Bat team . . . 2nd in Gold Glove voting . . . A.L. Player of the Week June 15-21 . . . Tied M.L. rec. for consec. 200-hit seasons (5) . . . Missed last 12 gms. with left knee injury, had surgery Oct. 1 . . . Career .354 is all-time 4th best beh. Cobb .367, Hornsby .358 & Joe Jackson .356 . . . Married with two children.

DWIGHT EVANS

Had best season of 15-yr. career in '87 . . . Hit .300 (.305) for 1st time and had personal highs with 34 HR, 123 RBI & .569 slug. pct. . . 1st HR was GW grand slam vs. Tex. Apr. 15 . . . Made move from RF to 1B in mid-season . . . 4th in MVP voting . . . A.L. Player of the Month in Aug. (.365, 13 HR, 31 RBI) . . . In All-Star Game was 2-2 with 1 BB . . . Named to UPI and Sporting News A.L. teams, TSN Silver Bat team . . . Winner of T.A. Yawkey Team MVP Award for 4th time (1981-82-84) . . . 1987 TV38 10th Player Award winner . . . Resides with wife, Susan, and 3 children in Lynnfield, MA.

LEE SMITH

Acquired from Cubs on Dec. 8, 1987 for Al Nipper and Calvin Schiraldi . . . Spent 7½ seasons with Chi. . . In 1987 had career-high 36 svcs. (4th consec. year of more than 30 svcs.) and 3.12 ERA . . . Had 180 career svcs. in 220 chances . . . D. Quisenberry is only other M.L. pitcher to save 30 or more 4 str. seasons . . . Won 1987 All-Star Game with 3 SHO inngs. . . In 1983 led N.L. with 29 svcs. and had 1.65 ERA . . . Played high school and college basketball against Celtic star Robert Parish . . . Attended Northwestern State U in Natchitoches, LA.

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MARTY BARRETT

Hit .293 and had only 9 errors in 1987... Led M.L. with 22 sac. bunts... Had a solid year despite early-season wrist injury... In 1986 set M.L. record for most hits in ALCS & W.S. with 24... Hit .367 and named MVP in '86 ALCS... Hit safely in all 7 W.S. games... Voted 1984 TV38 10th Player Award winner... Scored winning run in 33-inning marathon for Pawt. in 1981... Sox' 1st pick in secondary phase of June 1979 draft... Played on 2 state champ. teams in high school... Lettered in football and basketball... Resides with his wife and 2 children in Pembroke, MA.

JIM RICE

Had difficult 1987 season with left elbow and left knee problems and missed 54 gms... 13 HR and .277 avg. were career lows... Had arthroscopic surgery on both knees in Oct... Hit GW HR in home opener Apr. 10... In 1986 hit .324, his 2nd best (.325 in 1979)... Had 2 HR in ALCS and hit .300 in W.S... Entered 1988 with .302 lifetime avg. and 2,275 hits through 13 yrs. in M.L... 8-time All-Star in LF... In 1978 led M.L. with 46 HR, 15 triples, 406 TB, .600 slug. pct., 213 H and 214 runs prod... An avid golfer with great driving power.

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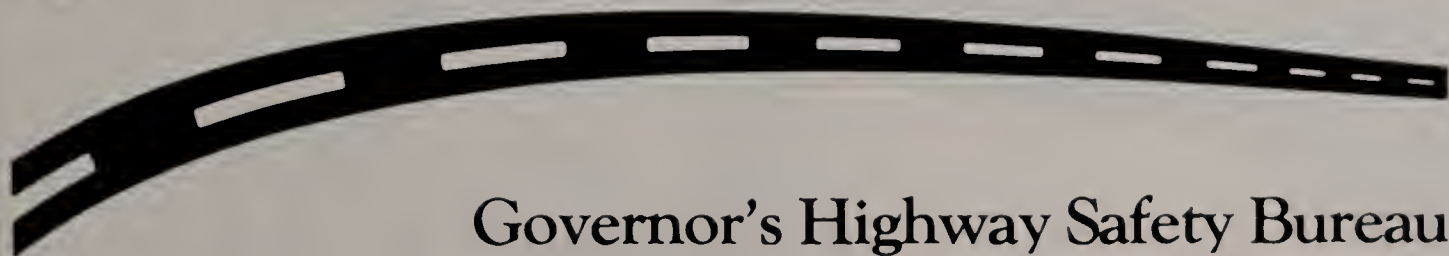
Had career-high 15 wins and 190 Ks in 1987 and broke his own club LH record... Had 14 Ks vs. Oak. in 6-0, 5-hitter May 5... A.L. Player of the Week May 4-10... Selected to A.L. All-Star team but did not play... Named BoSox Club Man of the Year... In 1986 was 13-8 with 2.99 ERA... Was 1-0 vs. Calif. in ALCS and 2-0 vs. Mets in W.S... Led Sox with 189 Ks in 1985... Has pitched 200+ inngs. 4 of last 5 seasons... Was 3-time letterman and All-State in high school basketball... Drafted 1st by Sox (22nd overall) in June 1976... Married with three children.

OIL CAN BOYD

Began 1987 on D.L. with sore rt. shoulder... Started only 7 games (1-3, 5.89 ERA, 36.2 IP)... Disabled July 31 and had rt. shoulder surgery Aug. 21... Was 16-10 with 3.78 ERA in 1986... Went 1-1 in 2 ALCS starts and 0-1 in W.S... In 1985 was 15-13 and led staff in wins, ERA, GS, CG, SHO and IP... Named Red Sox Pitcher of the Year by Boston Writers... His father played for the Homestead Grays and 2 brothers played pro baseball... Is one of 14 children... Attended Jackson State U (MS)... Sox' 16th pick in 1980 June draft... Resides with his wife and son in Winter Haven, FL.

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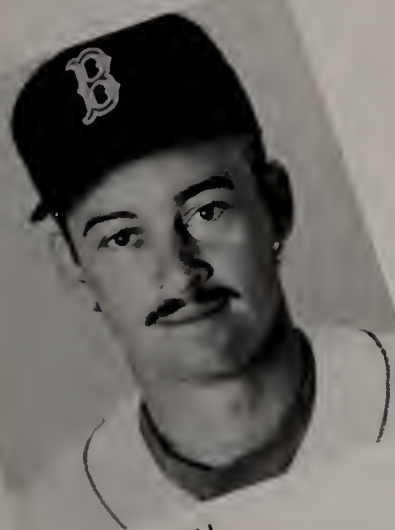
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ELLIS BURKS



BOB STANLEY



MIKE GREENWELL



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JEFF SELLERS

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MIKE GREENWELL

Had outstanding 1987 rookie season, his first full one with Sox... Hit .328, 19 HR with 89 RBI... Had career-high, 14-game hit streak July 25-Aug. 14 (24-47, .511)... Named to Topps and Baseball Digest M.L. All-Rookie teams... Voted Sox co-Rookie of the Year with Burks by Boston Baseball Writers... In 1986 at Pawt., hit .300, 18 HR with 59 RBI in 89 gms... Recalled by Sox July 24 and hit .314 in 31 gms... Was 1-2 in 2 ALCS apps... 1st M.L. hit was GW, 2-run HR in 13th inng. in Tor. Sept. 25, 1985... Enjoys hunting and fishing... Resides in No. Fort Myers, FL with his wife, Tracy.

RICH GEDMAN

Missed 1st month of '87 season as a free agent... Played in only 52 games... On D.L. twice (left groin and torn ligaments in left thumb from home-plate collision ending his season July 27)... Had surgery on thumb Aug. 3... In '86 ALCS hit .357... Had GWRBI vs. Tor. Sept. 28 to clinch div. title and in Gm. 7 of ALCS to win pennant... Sox' player rep since 1986... A.L. All-Star 1985-86... Involved in Easter Seal softball marathon in '83 and '85 honorary chairman for "Toys for Tots." Signed as free agent in 1977 after state championship season with St. Peter's of Worcester... Married with 1 son.

ELLIS BURKS

Started '87 in Pawt. and was recalled Apr. 29... Had error in M.L. debut and only 3 more for rest of season... Hit 20 HR with 59 RBI... Went 3-4 with 2 HR (1 grand slam) and 7 RBI in 15-4 win June 10 in Balt... Stole team-high 27 bases in 33 tries... 1st Sox rookie and only 3rd Sox with 20 HR and SB in same season... Named co-Rookie of the Year with Greenwell by Boston Baseball Writers... In 1986 led N.B. in HR (14) tying team record... 1st player ever to hit 2 HR in 1 gm. at N.B.'s spacious Beehive Field May 12... Sox' 1st pick in '83 Jan. draft.

BOB STANLEY

Cut tendons and nerves in palm of rt. hand on broken glass Jan. 15, 1988... Split '87 season between bullpen & starting... Finished 4-15 with 5.01 ERA... Beat K.C. 1-0 with no BB, 4-hitter Apr. 22 in Fenway (1st Sox 1-0 Fenway win since July 18, 1980)... Entered 1988 with Sox records in gms. (537), rel. wins (74) and svcs. (123)... Voted Sox Most Valuable Pitcher for 2nd str. yr. by Boston Baseball Writers in '83... Set Sox record for most svcs. in a season (33)... In 1982 set A.L. record with 168.1 rel. IP... Was Red Sox' 1st pick in '74 Jan. draft.

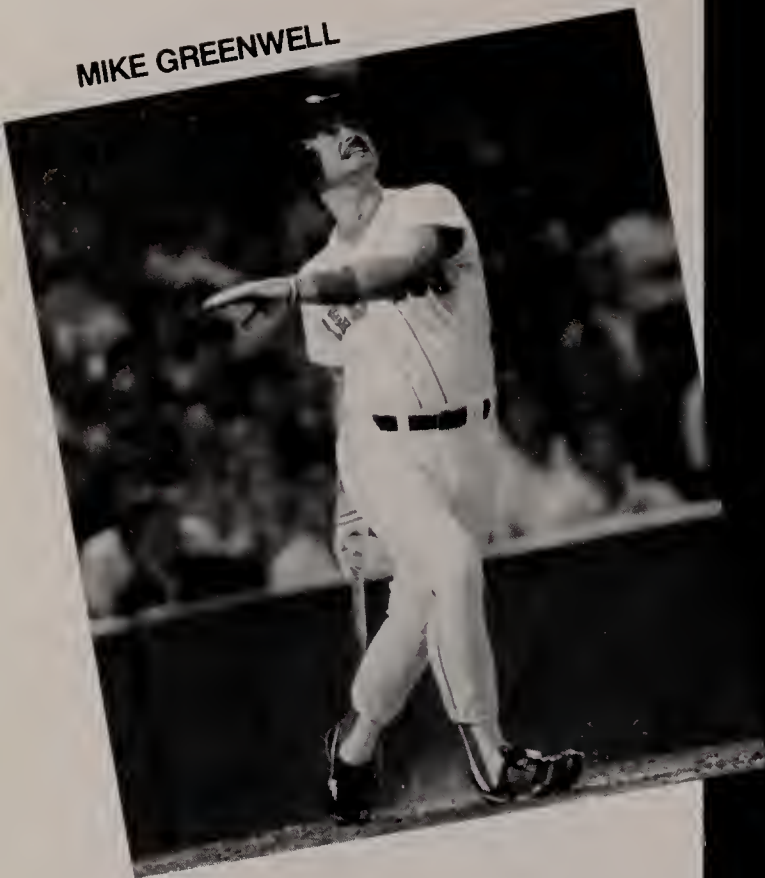
TODD BENZINGER

Split '87 season between Boston and Pawt... Recalled June 19 by Sox... Made only 2 errors at 1B and OF... Hit .278, 8 HR and 43 RBI... Hit only 1 HR in 1st 47 gms. then hit 7 HR in last 26... Went 3-4 with grand slam and 7 RBI in 9-8 loss to Det. Sept. 15... Sox' 4th round pick in 1981 June draft... Attended Univ. of Cincinnati... Won Cincinnati All-Star honors in 3 major sports for New Richmond H.S. (OH)... Won 1st team All-America honors at 1B during senior year... Is nephew of former Reds & Pirates P Don Gross... Coaches jr. high football in New Richmond during off-season.

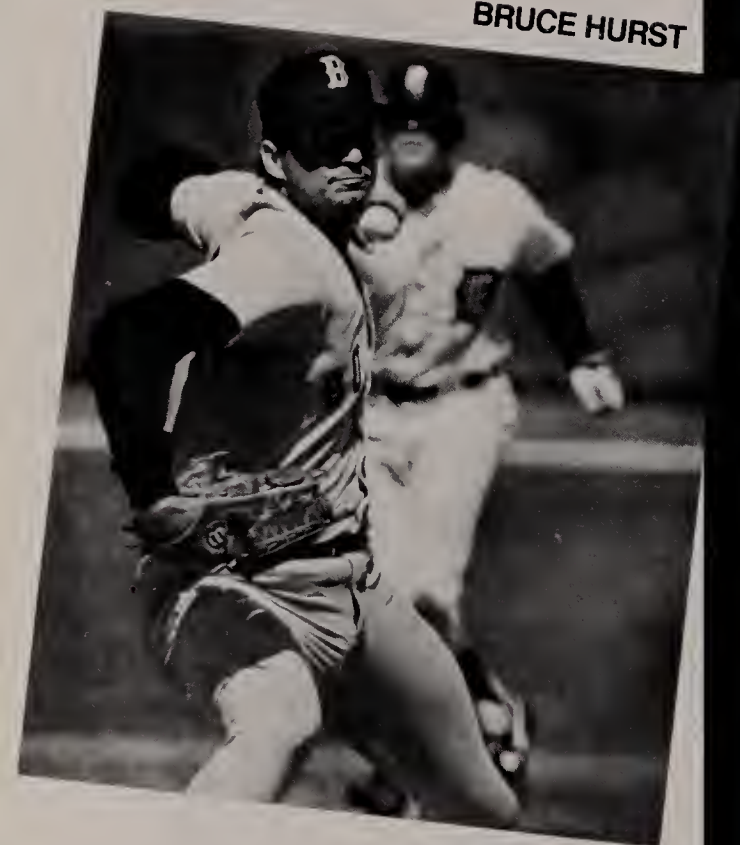
JEFF SELLERS

Started '87 with Red Sox, opt. to Pawt. May 27, ret. to Bost. June 22... Was 7-8 with 5.28 ERA, 99 Ks with Sox... Had 10 Ks in 7.1 IP in 6-4 win vs. Minn. Aug. 23... Next start was 9-0, 5-hitter in Minn. Sept. 1 (2 BB, 7 Ks)... In 1985 was 14-7 with 2.78 ERA for New Brit... Led lg. in CG (15) & SHO (5)... Sox hitters scored only 13 runs in 8 losses incl. 1 run or less in 5 gms. he pitched... Sox' 11th pick in 8th round of '82 June draft... All-Star & MVP in sr. year at Paramount H.S. in Cal... An avid hunter and traveler... Married with two children.

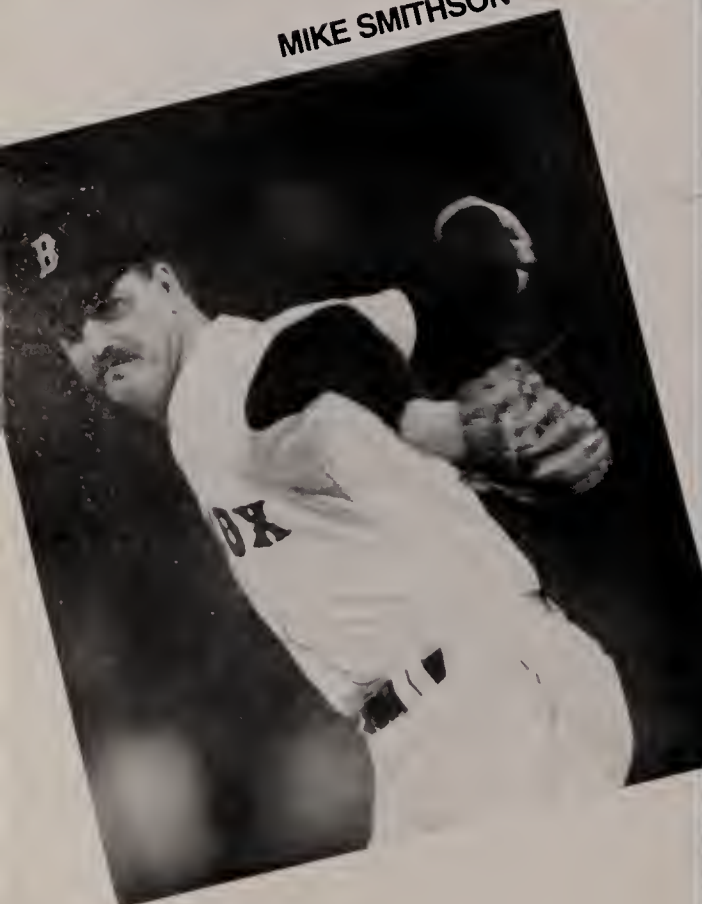
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1988 Red Sox Review

by Chaz Scoggins

It was raining hard in Boston on the afternoon of July 14, 1988. But it had been raining on the Red Sox, both figuratively and literally, for most of the baseball season.

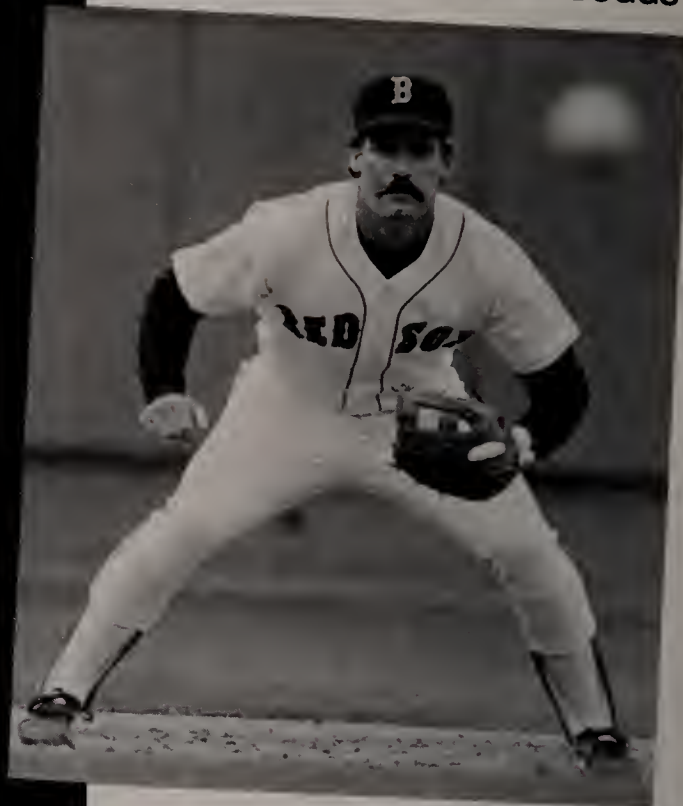
Late in the afternoon John McNamara, who had managed the Red Sox for 3½ years and within one strike of a World Championship in 1986, was fired. Named as his interim replacement was Joe Morgan, a Massachusetts native who had been in the organization as a manager, scout, and coach for 15 years and been passed over three previous times for manager of the major league club.

The first half of the 1988 season had been a disappointing one for the Red Sox. They had begun to rebuild an aging club midway through the 1987 campaign. The renewal project was completed faster than anyone had dared dream, however, as rookies like Mike Greenwell, Ellis Burks, and Todd Benzinger adjusted rapidly to major league baseball.

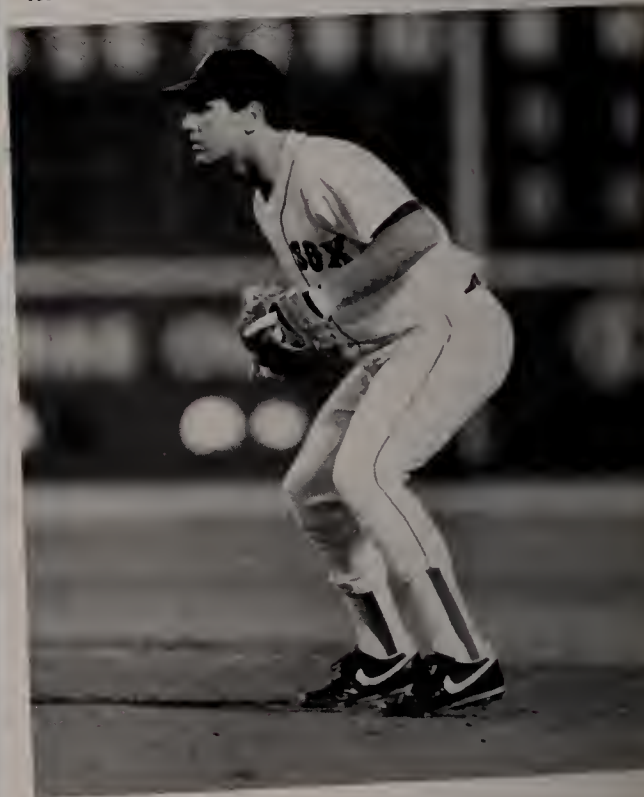
Although the Red Sox had finished the 1987 season in fifth place with a 78-84 record, the addition of the young talent, the anticipated comebacks of Oil Can Boyd, Bruce Hurst, and Rich Gedman from injuries or illnesses which had curtailed their performances, and acquisitions of fireballing reliever Lee Smith and veteran pitchers Dennis Lamp and Mike Smithson made them the choice of many experts to be the champions of the American League East.

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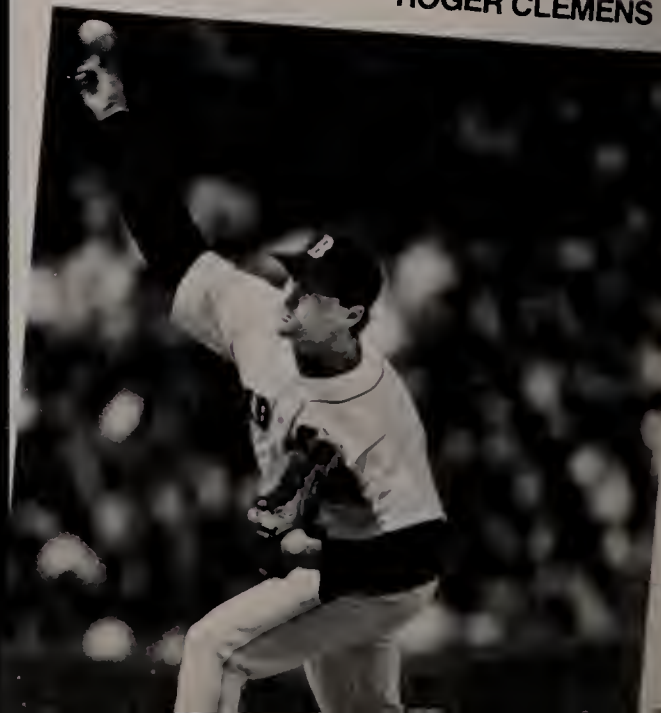
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BOB STANLEY

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The Red Sox lived up to their expectations in April, rolling up a 14-6 record and establishing a club record for wins for the month. But five rainouts in an eight-day stretch late in April ruined the better rhythm. It wasn't until the middle of June that the hitters found the groove again, and by then the Red Sox were already 10 games behind and on the fringe of being ousted from the pennant race.

The Red Sox led the league in pitching until the middle of May, but suffered from a lack of run as they had been built out as much by them — twice leaving 14 runners on base. When the Red Sox did score, a rally, it always seemed to begin with two outs and nobody up base.

By June 10 the Sox had left 14 or more runners on base in 12 of their 50 games and were on a losing streak. The major league record for 19 games they had one or no runs base hit. In one 17 game stretch from May 23-June 11, the Red Sox scored more than four runs only twice and were held to no less than five runs in the last 11 of those games. They ranked near the bottom of the league in runs and homers. They had not homered in as many as three straight games all season and had gone through spells of four and five straight games without hitting a homer.

As the weather improved in June, so did the hitters. During the month of June and July, a 76-game stretch, the Red Sox hit a batting .207 as a team, slugged .470, and averaged 5.67 runs per game. But now the pitchers were struggling.

On Can Boyd, coming back from a 1987 shoulder injury, was inconsistent. Ted Sellers, who had pitched well early but reserved no offensive support, couldn't get anybody out, was still winless and went on the DL in late June with a broken finger. Steve Ellwood had been returned to Pawtucket with a 15 record. Things were so bad that Lee Smith had only two save opportunities between April 29 and June 6 and had to get a lot of little work he could mop up. On the rare occasions he did get a chance to save a game, he looked rusty.

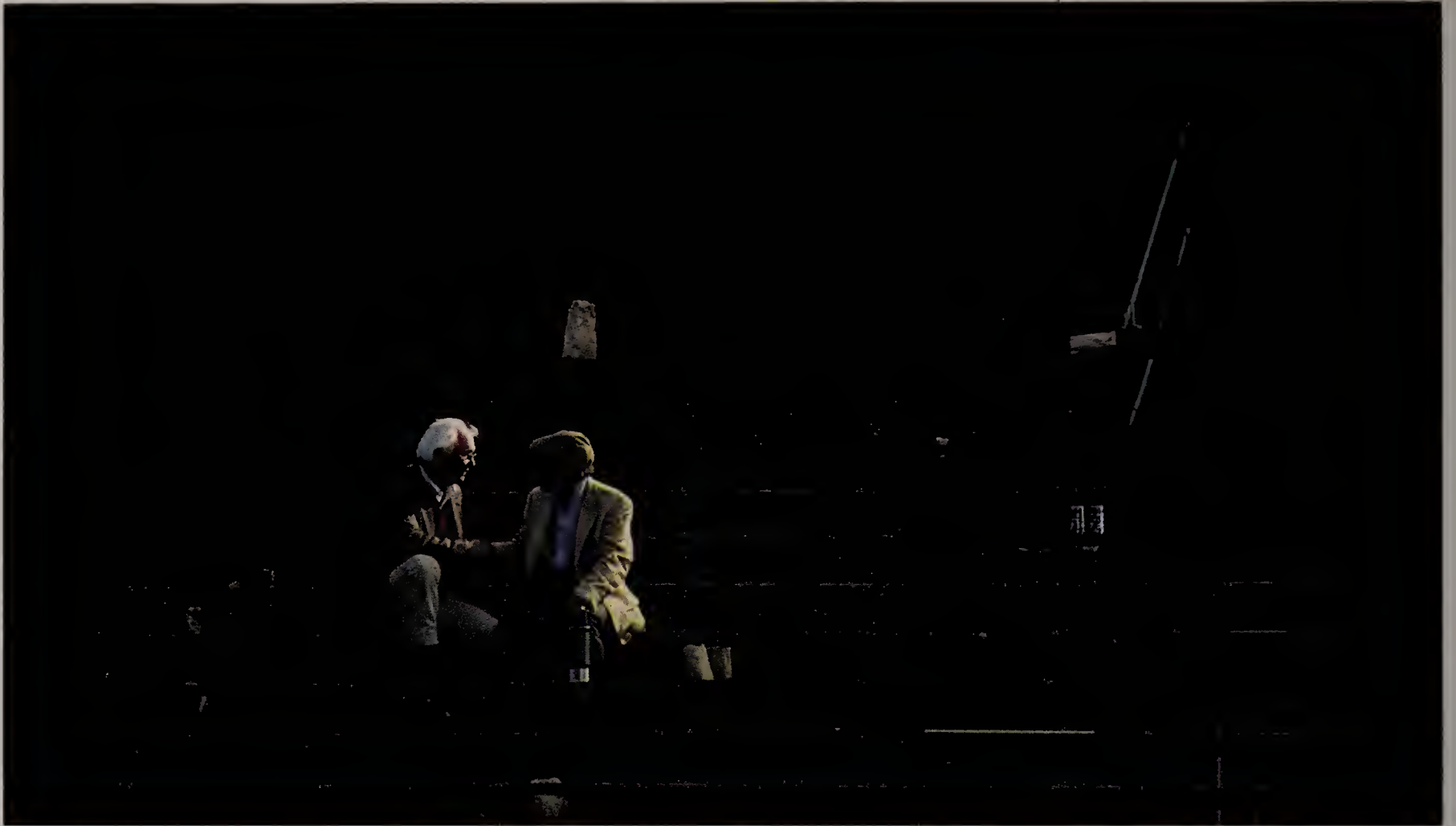
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as June 18 (31-32). After losing to the wretched Orioles 6-2 on June 25, they were only 16-18 at Fenway Park.

At the All-Star break the Red Sox were 43-42 and nine games behind the first-place Detroit Tigers. John McNamara said he was pleased to be one game over .500 considering everything that had gone wrong during the first half and kept reminding the skeptics that a pennant race is a marathon and not a sprint.

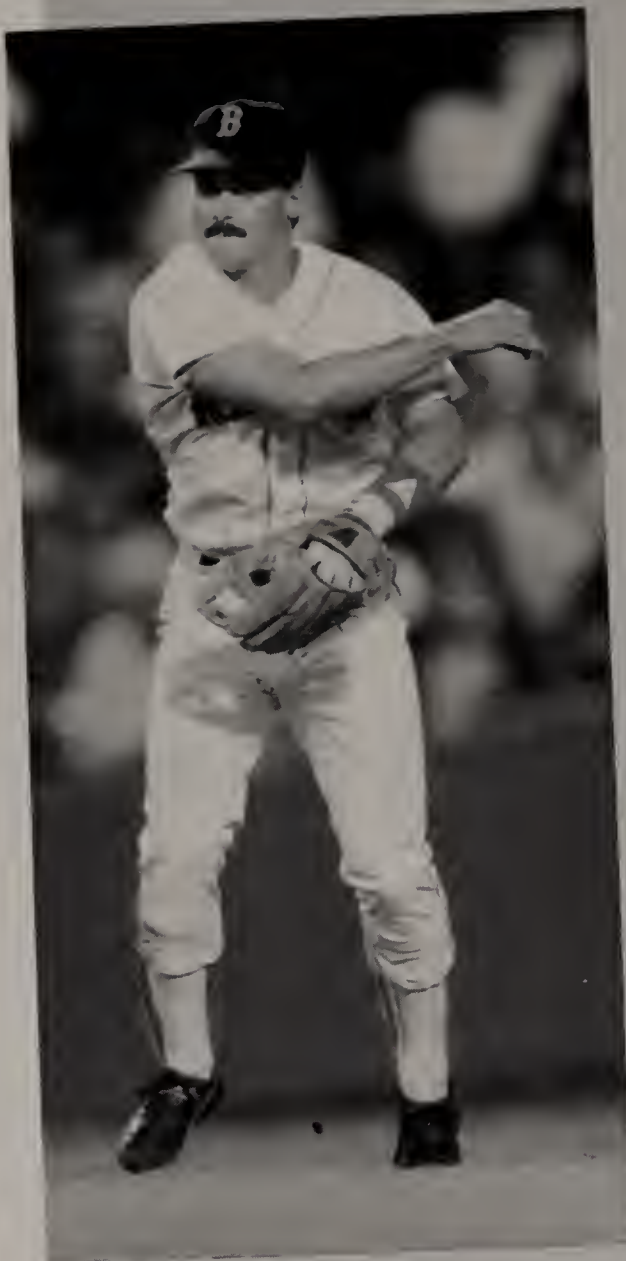
McNamara was right. But he would not be around for the finish. As the fifth-place Red Sox prepared to open an 11-game homestand following the All-Star break, he was fired on that rainy afternoon.

The Red Sox were rained out that night.

But when the next day dawned, so did a new Red Sox era. They would sweep the entire homestand and eventually set an AL record with 24 consecutive home victories. They would run off 12 straight wins overall — their longest streak in 40 years — and win 19 of 20 to pull into a first-place tie with the Tigers on Aug. 3. During the dizzying streak Morgan would be named manager for the rest of the 1988 season, then rewarded with a contract for 1989 as well.

Roger Clemens began the streak with a 16-strikeout, 3-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals in the first game of a doubleheader on July 15, and the Red Sox won the nightcap 7-4. Morgan Magic appeared for the first time the next afternoon when he let seldom-used Kevin Romine bat for himself in the ninth inning, and he responded with his first major league homer to cap a furious six-run comeback and beat the Royals 7-6. Ellis Burks doubled, tripled, homered, and knocked in five runs the next day to pace the Sox to a 10-8 win and a four-game sweep of the Royals.

JODY REED



The Red Sox then beat the defending World Champion Minnesota Twins 6-5, and Mike Smithson and Bob Stanley combined on a three-hit, 5-0 shutout the next night as newly acquired Larry Parrish, who had been released by the Texas Rangers, went 3-for-3 and homered. The Sox were losing 7-5 in the 10th inning the following night when Jody Reed, who had taken over at shortstop from Spike Owen just before the All-Star break, doubled in a run and Todd Benzinger slammed a dramatic three-run homer to lift them to a 9-7 triumph. The Red Sox were in third place now, five games back.

Boyd pitched seven one-hit innings as the Red Sox whipped the Chicago White Sox 6-1, and Smith picked up his 14th save in a 4-3 win the next night. Rick Cerone, who had been picked up by the Sox in early April when a foul tip broke Rich Gedman's toe, drove in four runs, and Smithson hurled 6-1 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings of one-hit, scoreless relief as the Red Sox ripped the White Sox 11-5 for their 10th straight win. Smith struck out the side in the ninth inning with the tying and winning runs on base the following day as the Red Sox won 3-2 to complete a sweep of the White Sox and the homestand. The Red Sox were only 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ games back.

The Red Sox went on the road to Texas and ran their winning streak to 12 as Clemens fanned 14 and beat the Rangers 2-0. The streak finally ended the following night when leftfielder Cecil Espy made a diving, game-ending catch with the tying run on second to preserve a 9-8 Texas win. But Burks belted a grand slam, and Benzinger knocked in three more runs to put the Sox back on track the following night with a 10-7 victory.

Then it was back to Fenway for five more games. Mike Greenwell, who had taken over the AL RBI lead from Oakland's Jose Canseco, slammed his 17th homer and drove in three runs. Smith again struck out the side in the ninth for his 17th save as the Red Sox ran their home victory streak to 17 with a 6-4 triumph over the Milwaukee Brewers in the first game of a twinight doubleheader. The Sox fell behind 3-0 in the first inning of the nightcap but rallied to win 5-4 in the ninth when Reed beat out a two-out infield hit, took



RICH GEDMAN

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MANAGER JOE MORGAN

by Steven Krasner

For the last 14 years or so, Joe Morgan has been presiding over a garden at his Walpole, Mass., home, a patch about 40 feet by 10 feet.

The vegetable garden roster changes a little from year to year, but he grows a lot of the basics — a few varieties of tomatoes, some different types of peppers, cucumbers, three different varieties of squash, some beans.

And then there's another crop, a vegetable that hasn't received a lot of respect in the past. Brussels sprouts.

"I eat them in February," says Morgan, 57. "I leave them out there during the winter. They freeze, then thaw out, and believe it or not, they're still fairly good."

Morgan was talking about Brussels sprouts, but he could just have easily been talking about himself and his major league managerial aspirations.

Morgan withered on the minor league managerial vine for 16 years. Then he was frozen out of on-the-field work while serving as a scout for two years before returning to the field as a big league coach with the Boston Red Sox in 1985.

But after the Sox fired John McNamara at the All-Star break, they finally picked Morgan to be the team's skipper. And Morgan, who had waited so long and had virtually given up any hope of landing a major league managerial job, calmly cultivated an American League East title for the Red Sox.

Jumping from the third-base coach's box to the hot seat in the dugout, after not managing since the 1982 season in Pawtucket (Boston's top farm club) proved to be as easy as riding a bicycle for Morgan.

"It was pretty much the same thing. It was managing," says Morgan with a shrug. "You know what you're supposed to do."

But when Morgan took over, no one knew the Sox would be able to mount a second-half surge that would net the team's second A.L. East crown in three years. After all, Boston was a mediocre 43-42 at the break, a dispirited crop for the most part that was in fourth place, nine games behind the first-place Detroit Tigers.

Once Morgan assumed the reins on July 14, though, the Sox, picked by many in pre-season polls to win the division, began to live up to those early notices. Boston won the first 12 games Morgan managed, and 19 of the first 20.

Eventually, along the way, the Sox won 24 in a row at Fenway Park (the first five under McNamara), setting an A.L. record for a home winning streak.

Morgan Magic it was called. And it thrust Morgan into the national spotlight. He was featured on every network you can name, from morning news programs to evening news programs to sports programs. And it wasn't unusual in late July to pick up a magazine and see Morgan's face up close and personal.

The constant glare of the publicity occasionally rankled Morgan somewhat.

"There was far too much of it," says Morgan, who nevertheless held his cool and generally charmed the media with his down-to-earth manner and bottomless supply of humorous baseball anecdotes, often featuring himself as the butt of the self-deprecating punch lines.

"I don't enjoy the publicity too much, I have to admit that. It takes up too much of your time. You can't relax enough."

"It wouldn't have been so bad if we didn't win all them games right off the bat, but then, we wouldn't be where we are if we hadn't," he adds with a chuckle.

"But as long as you get your sleep, you'll do all right," he says with a wink. "Rest is important."

So is making the right moves during the course of a game. And Morgan, whose status rose from interim manager to manager until the end of the season to manager with a contract through 1989 in a space of a little over two weeks, had the Midas touch.

He had the Sox do a little more running, a little more hit-and-running, and he used more of his roster, particularly right after he took over. Morgan also made more use of middle relievers Dennis Lamp and Bob Stanley. And he also showed the club early on that he was in control, "the skipper of this nine," as he put it.

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In some ways, it all happened quickly. In others, it took an eternity.

As a player, Morgan, a Walpole native who graduated from Boston College in 1953, spent most of his 15 professional seasons in the minor leagues. He did, however, have a few major league cups of coffee, with the Milwaukee Braves (1959), Kansas City A's (1959), Philadelphia Phillies (1960), Cleveland Indians (1960, '61) and the St. Louis Cardinals (1964).

"I was a damn good Triple A player," said Morgan, who batted over .300 in three minor league seasons.

He began managing in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization in 1966, and left after the 1973 season, bringing along three Manager of the Year Awards with him when he signed with the Red Sox organization.

Morgan managed Pawtucket from 1974-82, winning another Manager of the Year Award, in 1973.

But it wasn't until this past July 14 that he got the call to run a major league team.

"I had given up hope, mostly because of my age." (He will turn 58 next month).

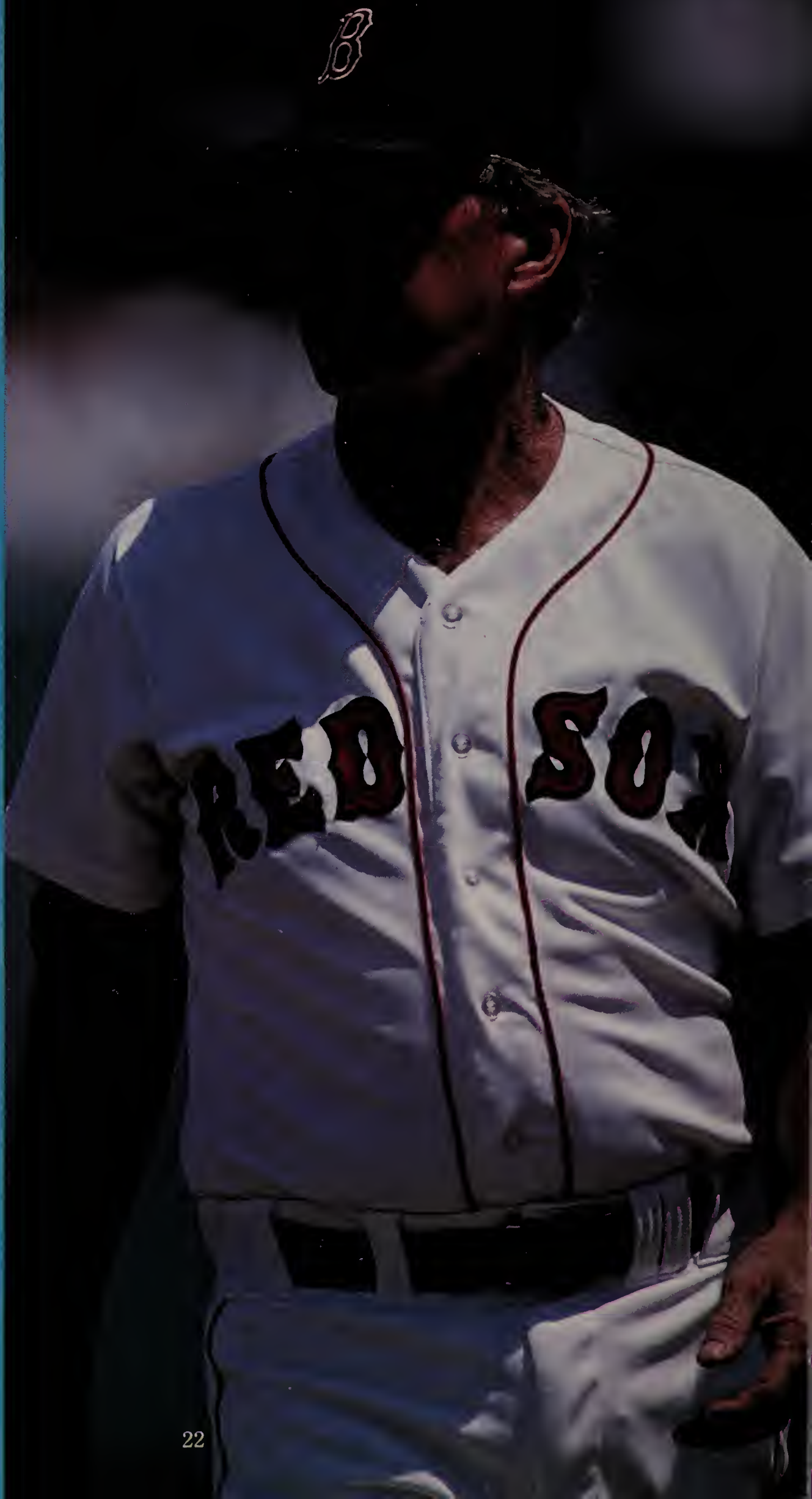
"And I probably would not have become a manager if it hadn't been in the middle of the season. If they had gone through the whole season and then made a change, it's unlikely they would have chosen me."

Which isn't to say Morgan, in his 37th season of professional baseball, was unhappy as he went from being the first-base coach (1985) to bullpen coach (1986) to third-base coach (1987-88).

"Hey, it's the big leagues, what more do you want? First base or bullpen, same thing. It was more fun coaching third base, where you're in the act. You mess up out there, and they know it in a hurry."

The same description applies to the manager. And all anyone can say this year is that Joe Morgan, who waited a long time for his turn, did not mess up his chance.

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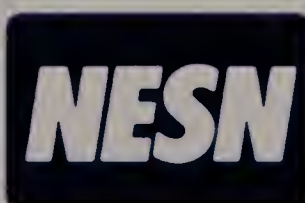
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second on a throwing error, and scored on Benzinger's single. The following afternoon Clemens bested Milwaukee ace Ted Higuera in a duel in 97-degree heat, fanning 13 for his 15th win as the Sox won 3-2 in the ninth on Marty Barrett's RBI single.

Mike Boddicker, acquired from the Orioles for the Sox' top prospect, outfielder Brady Anderson, made his debut for the Red Sox on July 31 and combined with Bob Stanley on a 5-0 shutout as the Sox swept the Brewers and stretched their Fenway winning streak to 20.

Greenwell had four RBI to power the Red Sox past the Rangers 7-2 as August began, and they finally pulled into a first-place tie with the Tigers on August 3 when Burks walked, stole second, and scored on Reed's two-out single in the eighth to nip the Rangers 5-4. It was the first time the Red Sox had been in first place since the end of the 1986 season.

With 19 wins in 20 games under Morgan, the Red Sox headed to Detroit for a five-game showdown with the Tigers. But the Tigers routed Clemens 11-6 in the opener and won the first four games before the Sox salvaged the final game behind Bruce Hurst's 10-inning, 3-0 shutout. It would take the Red Sox more than a month to catch the Tigers again.

They broke the AL record of 22 straight home wins by the 1931 Philadelphia A's on August 12 as Jim Rice's homer capped a six-run, third-inning rally against Doyle Alexander in a 9-4 romp over the Tigers. Dwight Evans cracked two homers, a bases-loaded triple, and drove in a career-high seven runs as the Sox routed the Tigers 16-4 the following day. The streak ended two shy of the major league record by the 1916 New York Giants when the Tigers crushed Clemens and the Sox 18-6 in the series finale.



ELLIS BURKS



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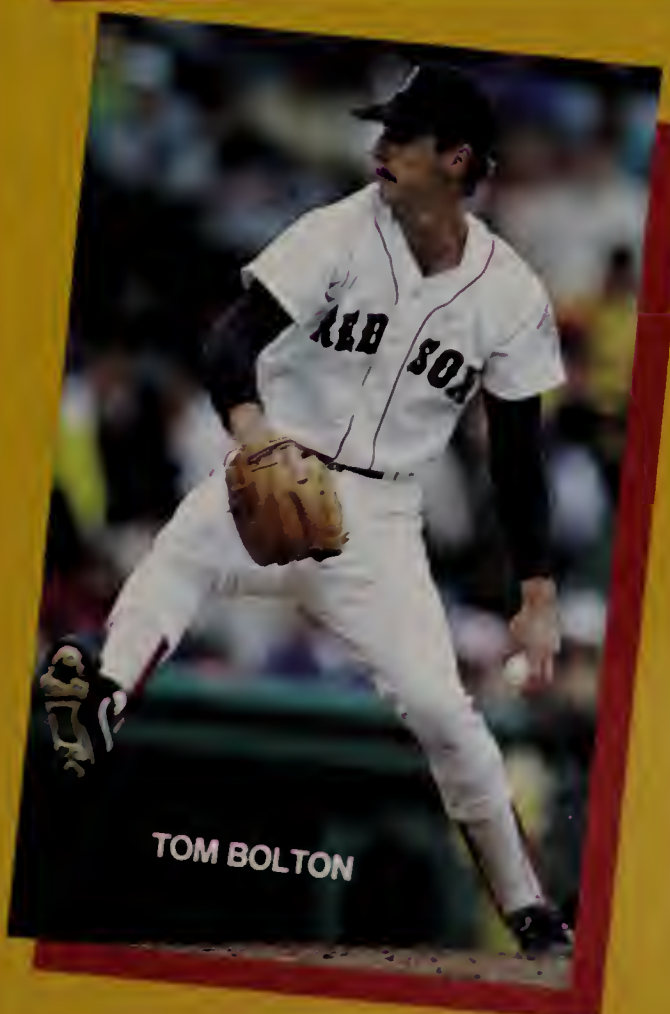
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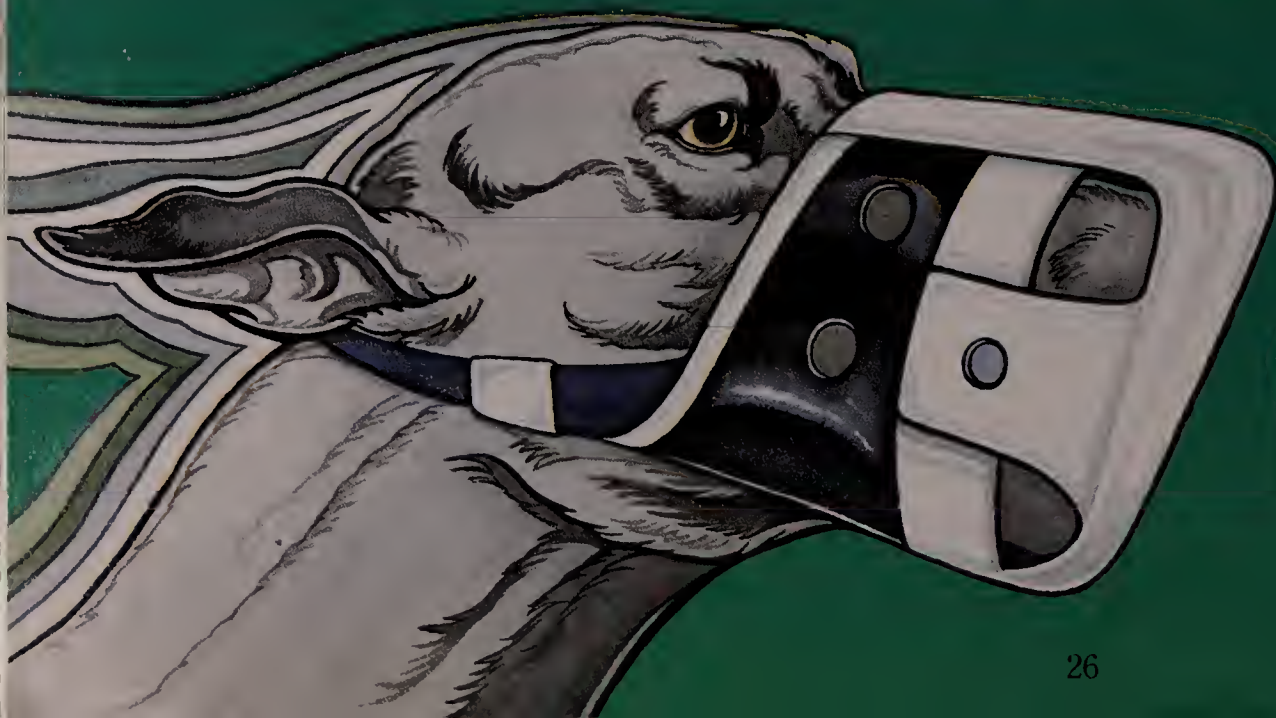
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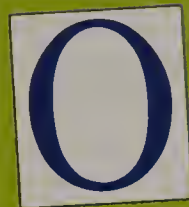


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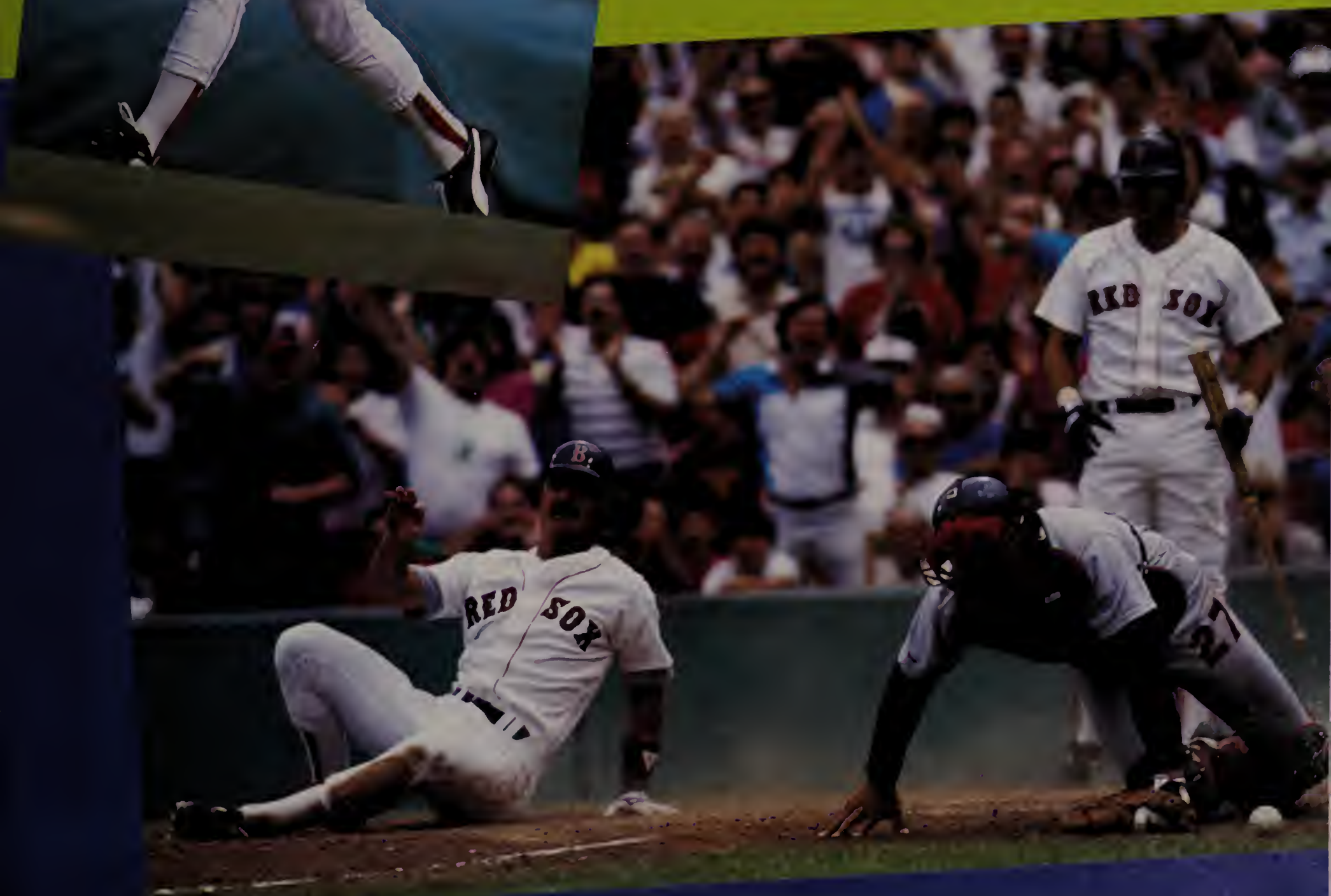
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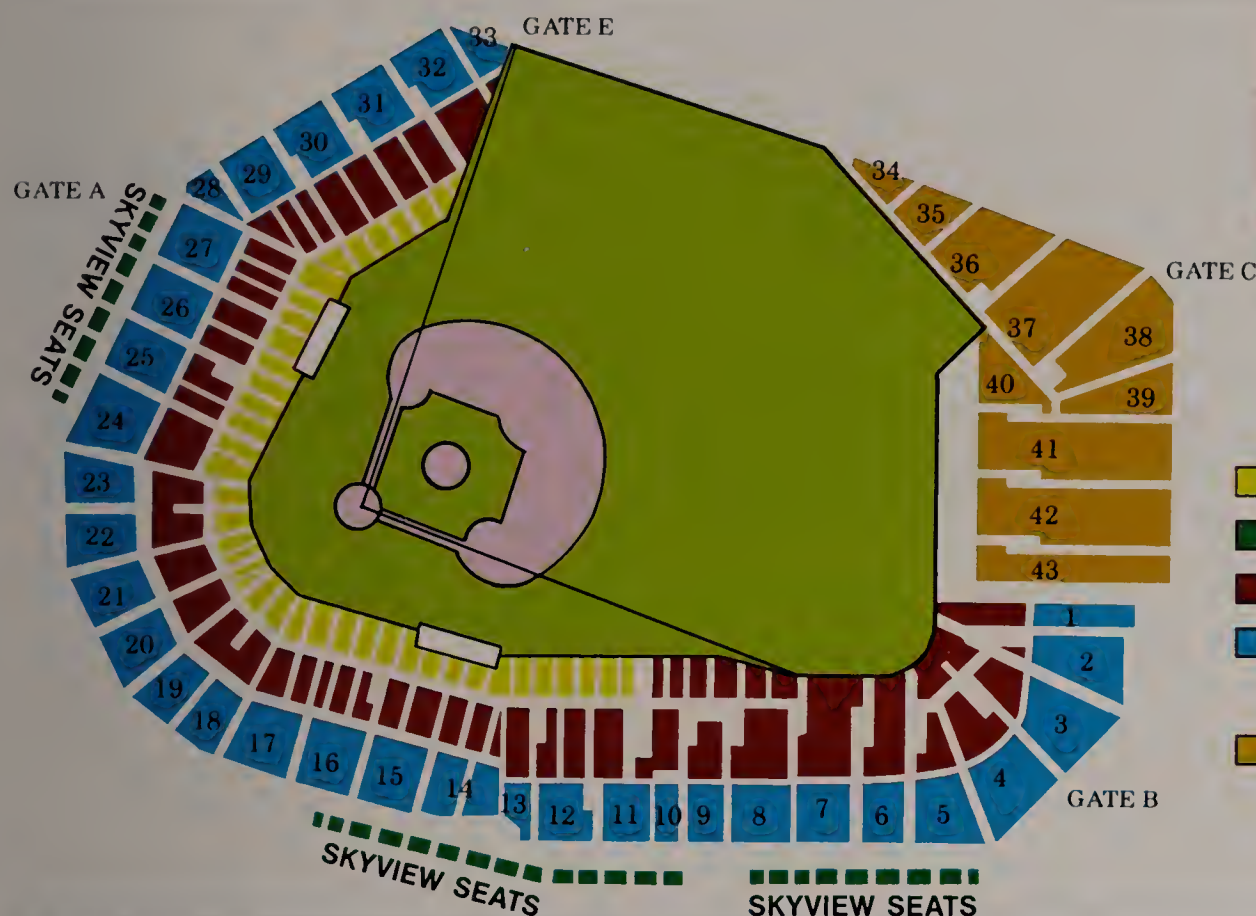


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Coleman has more than 37 years of broadcasting experience and has covered the Red Sox on radio and TV for 19 years. The Quincy, Mass. native began his career broadcasting the Rutland (Vt.) Royals of the now defunct Northern League. He then went to Cleveland where he did both the Indians (10 seasons) and NFL Browns (14).

In 1966 Ken returned to Boston for his first stint with the Red Sox (1966-74) on both radio and TV. After covering the Cincinnati Reds on TV for four years, he came back to Boston for the 1979 season on radio, and has been here ever since.

Ken has announced seven NFL championship games on network television and also did the 1967 World Series on NBC. He has been involved with the Jimmy Fund since 1966, and is now its coordinator for community relations.

Castiglione is in his sixth season on Red Sox radio. Like Coleman, he previously covered the Cleveland Indians (1979-80-82), on both radio and TV. He worked the Milwaukee Brewers' games on cable TV in 1981. The Hamden, Conn. native has announced the Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA) on cable, and has done college basketball for New England Sports Network the past four winters. He is a graduate of Colgate University.

Red Sox On The Air



**Ned Martin
and Jerry Remy**

Every Red Sox game will also be shown on television this season, with TV-38 carrying 74 games and New England Sports Network (NESN) showing 82 on cable. The other six games are scheduled on network television.

TV-38, along with its New England network, is in its 14th season of Red Sox coverage, with Sean McDonough and Bob Montgomery together for their first year.

Although this is his first year broadcasting the Red Sox, McDonough has been quite visible around the Boston sports scene for the past few years. He has done play-by-play of Hockey East on NESN and TV-38 the past four winters and has broadcast Ivy League football on PBS for three years. In addition, he has been a studio host for Bruins' hockey on TV-38, Patriots' football on WHDH-radio, and the Red Sox on NESN.

The South Boston native is also the host of "38 On Sports," which airs Sunday nights at 10:00 on TV-38. He is a graduate of Syracuse University and began his broadcasting career with the Syracuse Chiefs of the International League (1982-84).

Montgomery has been on the TV-38 crew for seven seasons. He was a valuable reserve catcher for the Red Sox, appearing in 387 games during his 10-year major league career. He signed with Boston in 1962 and came to the majors in 1970. An arm injury forced his retirement during spring training in 1980.

Monty did a local radio talk show, as well as some work on Red Sox radio broadcasts, prior to joining the television team in 1982.

NESN is covering the Red Sox for the fifth year, with Ned Martin and Jerry Remy teaming together for their first season.



**Bob Montgomery
and Sean McDonough**

Martin has been covering the Red Sox on TV and radio for 28 consecutive seasons, including the past four with NESN. Ned began his broadcasting career in Charleston, West Virginia, covering the American Association team there for five years. He joined Curt Gowdy in Boston for the 1961 season and has been here ever since, working with eleven different partners in that time.

Martin announced the AL playoffs on CBS radio four years, and also did the 1975 World Series on television for NBC. The Duke graduate is also an accomplished football announcer, having done play-by-play for the Patriots (1965), Dartmouth (7 years), Harvard (6 years), and Yale (2 years).

Remy is beginning his first year in the broadcast booth but is very familiar to Red Sox fans. A popular player during his career in Boston, his playing days were cut short by a knee injury, which forced his retirement during spring training in 1986.

The Fall River, Mass. native broke into the majors with the Angels in 1975 and was traded to the Red Sox prior to the 1978 season. He was the regular second baseman until the early part of 1984 when a serious knee injury effectively ended his career. In all, he played in 1,154 major league games with a .275 average.

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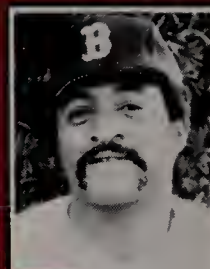
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Monday, May 16
AT BOSTON (N)

Davis and three relievers combined on seven-hitter, Lansford doubled home second-inning run and Parker hit for circuit with mate aboard in fifth as A's whitewashed Red Sox, 3-0.

Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi	Boston	ab	r	h	rbi
Lansford, 3b	5	0	4	1	Reed, ss	4	0	1	0
Parker, lf	4	1	1	2	Rice, ph	0	0	0	0
Javier, lf	1	0	0	0	Owen, pr-ss	0	0	0	0
Canseco, rf	2	0	1	0	Barrett, 2b	5	0	1	0
McGwire, 1b	4	0	0	0	Boggs, 3b	2	0	0	0
Henderson, cf	4	0	0	0	Evans, 1b	5	0	0	0
Hassey, c	2	1	0	0	Greenwell, lf	5	0	1	0
Baylor, dh	4	0	0	0	Horn, dh	4	0	1	0
Hubbard, 2b	4	0	0	0	Benzinger, rf	4	0	1	0
Weiss, ss	2	1	1	0	Cerone, c	3	0	0	0
					Anderson, cf	2	0	2	0
Totals	32	3	7	3	Totals	34	0	7	0

Oakland	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Davis (W.4-1)	6	6	0	0	5	5
Cadaret	1 2/3	1	0	0	1	1
Plunk	1 1/3	0	0	0	1	0
Eckersley (Save 14)	1	0	0	0	0	1
Boston	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Sellers (L.0-4)	8 2/3	7	3	3	5	7
Gardner	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	1

Game-winning RBI—Lansford.
E—None. DP—Boston 1. LOB—Oakland 8, Boston 14. 2B—Lansford, Barrett. HR—Parker (4). SB—Canseco. HBP—By Sellers (Canseco). WP—Davis 3. T—2:55. A—25,642.

Tuesday, May 17
AT BOSTON (N)

Lansford and Weiss each collected three hits to pace 16-hit assault that carried A's to 12-7 victory over Red Sox.

Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi	Boston	ab	r	h	rbi
Lansford, 3b	5	3	3	1	Anderson, cf	4	0	1	3
Hubbard, ph-2b	1	0	0	0	Barrett, 2b	5	0	0	0
Parker, dh	5	1	2	2	Boggs, 3b	5	2	3	0
Canseco, rf	4	2	1	1	Evans, 1b	5	1	3	1
Jennings, lf	0	0	0	0	Greenwell, lf	4	0	1	1
McGwire, 1b	3	2	1	2	Horn, dh	5	0	1	0
Hassey, c	4	1	2	2	Benzinger, rf	5	1	2	2
Mercado, c	0	0	0	0	Romero, ss	5	1	2	0
Henderson, cf	5	0	1	2	Cerone, c	4	2	3	0
Javier, lf-rf	5	1	1	1					
Phillips, 2b	2	1	1	1					
G'lego, 2b-3b	2	0	1	0					
Weiss, ss	5	1	3	0					
Totals	41	12	16	12	Totals	42	7	16	7

Oakland	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Ontiveros (W.2-1)	6	12	5	5	0	4
Honeycutt (Save 4)	3	4	2	2	0	3
Boston	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Ellsworth (L.1-5)	1 2/3	6	6	6	2	2
Trautwein	1 2/3	6	5	5	2	2
Stanley	5 2/3	4	1	1	0	6

Game-winning RBI—Hassey.
E—Phillips. DP—Oakland 2. LOB—Oakland 7, Boston 10. 2B—Lansford, Parker, Hassey, Benzinger, Evans. 3B—Javier, Anderson. HR—McGwire (11). SB—Canseco. SF—Phillips. HBP—By Honeycutt (Greenwell, Anderson). Balk—Honeycutt. T—2:59. A—28,407.



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Wednesday, May 18
AT BOSTON (N)

Errors by Oakland leftfielder Parker and pitcher Stewart led to three seventh-inning runs that gave Red Sox 4-1 decision over A's.

Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi	Boston	ab	r	h	rbi
Lansford, 3b	3	1	2	0	Anderson, cf	5	0	2	0
Parker, lf	4	0	2	0	Barrett, 2b	5	0	1	1
Canseco, rf	4	0	0	0	Boggs, 3b	1	0	0	0
McGwire, lb	2	0	0	1	Evans, lb	4	0	1	0
Henderson, cf	4	0	1	0	Greenwell, lf	4	1	0	0
Hassey, c	4	0	0	0	Horn, dh	3	0	0	0
Baylor, dh	4	0	1	0	Burks, pr	0	1	0	0
Hubbard, 2b	1	0	0	0	Benzinger, rf	3	1	0	0
Jennings, ph	1	0	0	0	Romero, ss	4	0	2	1
Weiss, ss	3	0	0	0	Reed, ss	0	0	0	0
					Cerone, c	2	1	1	0
Totals	30	1	6	1	Totals	31	4	7	2

Oakland	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-1
Boston	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0 x-4
Oakland	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.		
Stewart (L.8-2)	6*	6	4	2	9	3		
Nelson	2	1	0	0	0	0		
Boston	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.		
Boyd (W.5-2)	8	6	1	1	4	4		
Smith (Save 5)	1	0	0	0	0	2		

*Pitched to four batters in seventh.
Game-winning RBI—None.
E—Anderson, Parker, Stewart. LOB—Oakland 8, Boston 13. 2B—Barrett, Parker, Anderson. SH—Hubbard, Benzinger. SF—McGwire. Balk—Stewart. T—2:55. A—24,683.

Sunday, May 29
AT OAKLAND (D)

RBI groundout by Jennings broke 4-4 tie in fifth inning and Nelson worked 3 2/3 innings of one-hit relief to get victory as A's completed three-game sweep of Red Sox with 5-4 decision.

Boston	ab	r	h	rbi	Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi
Anderson, rf	5	0	0	0	Lansford, 3b	4	2	2	0
Barrett, 2b	5	0	1	0	Javier, cf-rf	5	1	3	0
Boggs, 3b	3	1	0	0	Canseco, rf	5	1	2	2
Evans, lb	4	0	1	0	Parker, dh	4	1	2	1
Burks, cf	5	1	1	0	Hassey, c	4	0	0	1
Horn, dh	1	1	0	0	McGwire, lb	3	0	1	0
Romero, ph	1	0	0	0	Jennings, lf	2	0	0	1
Rice, lf	4	1	1	0	Henderson, cf	0	0	0	0
Gedman, c	4	0	2	1	Gallego, 2b	3	0	0	0
Owen, ss	4	0	2	2	Weiss, ss	4	0	1	0
Totals	36	4	8	3	Totals	34	5	11	5

Boston	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0-4
Oakland	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0 x-5
Boston	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.		
Sellers (L.0-5)	7	11	5	5	4	4		
Smith	1	0	0	0	1	1		
Oakland	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.		
Davis	3*	6	4	3	3	0		
Nelson (W.3-2)	3 2/3	1	0	0	2	4		
Cadaret	1 2/3	1	0	0	0	2		
Plunk (Save 2)	2 2/3	0	0	0	0	0		

*Pitched to five batters in fourth.
Game-winning RBI—Jennings.
E—Weiss 2, Rice. DP—Boston 1. LOB—Boston 10, Oakland 10. 2B—Canseco, Lansford, Owen, McGwire. SB—Canseco, Lansford. WP—Sellers 2. Balk—Davis. T—3:08. A—43,427.

Friday, May 27
AT OAKLAND (N)

Canseco hit solo homer in first inning. Gallego added solo shot in third. Lansford singled home fifth-inning tally and Eckersley notched his 15th save of season to give A's 3-2 triumph over Red Sox.

Boston	ab	r	h	rbi	Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi
Burks, cf	4	0	1	0	Lansford, 3b	4	0	1	1
Barrett, 2b	4	0	1	1	Javier, lf	4	0	0	0
Boggs, 3b	3	0	1	0	Canseco, rf	4	1	1	1
Evans, lb	3	0	1	0	McGwire, lb	4	0	0	0
Greenwell, lf	4	0	1	0	Baylor, dh	3	0	0	0
Rice, dh	4	1	2	0	Henderson, cf	3	1	1	0
Cerone, c	4	0	1	0	Hassey, c	2	0	0	0
Owen, ss	2	1	0	1	Gallego, 2b	2	1	1	1
Horn, ph	1	0	0	0	Weiss, ss	2	0	1	0
Anderson, rf	4	0	0	0					
Totals	33	2	8	2	Totals	28	3	5	3

Boston	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0-2
Oakland	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	x-3
Boston	1P.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.			
Hurst (L.6-2)	8	5	3	3	2	5			
Oakland	1P.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.			
Young (W.4-2)	5*	7	1	1	2	1			
Plunk	1 2/3	1	1	1	1	1			
Cadaret	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	1			
Eckersley (Save 15)	2	0	0	0	0	3			

*Pitched to two batters in sixth.
Game-winning RBI—Canseco.
E—None. DP—Oakland 2. LOB—Boston 7, Oakland 4. HR—Canseco (12), Gallego (1). SB—Burks. SH—Hassey. T—2:13. A—32,723.

Friday, August 19
AT BOSTON (N)

Greenwell, who stroked two-run single to highlight five-run fifth inning, broke 6-6 tie with RBI single in seventh, leading Red Sox to 7-6 triumph over A's.

Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi	Boston	ab	r	h	rbi
Polonia, lf	5	2	3	2	Boggs, 3b	3	2	1	0
Henderson, cf	4	1	1	2	Barrett, 2b	5	2	3	2
Canseco, rf	4	0	1	0	Evans, rf	0	1	0	0
McGwire, lb	5	1	1	0	Greenwell, lf	4	1	2	3
Steinbach, c	4	0	1	0	Burks, cf	3	0	0	1
Sinatro, pr-c	0	0	0	0	Benzinger, lb	4	0	0	0
Baylor, dh	4	1	2	2	Rice, dh	3	0	0	0
Phillips, 3b	3	0	0	0	Reed, ss	3	0	0	0
Hassey, ph	0	0	0	0	Gedman, c	4	1	1	0
Gallego, pr-ss	0	0	0	0					
Hubbard, 2b	4	0	1	0					
Weiss, ss	3	1	1	0					
L'sfd, ph-3b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	37	6	11	6	Totals	29	7	7	6

Totals	37	6	11	6	Totals	29	7	7	6
Oakland	0	0	1		2	1	0	2	0-6
Boston	0	0	1		0	5	0	1	0 x-7
Oakland				IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Stewart (L 15-11)	6*			6	6	7	6	6	3

*Pitched to one batter in seventh.
Game-winning RBI—Greenwell.
E—Steinbach 2, Reed. DP—Oakland 1, Boston 1. LOB—Oakland 7, Boston 7. 2B—Weiss, Polonia, Barrett 2. 3B—Polonia. HR—Baylor (6), Polonia (2), Henderson (19). SB—Greenwell. SH—Evans. SF—Henderson. HBP—By Stanley (Canseco). PB—Steinbach. T—3:04. A—33,993.

Saturday, May 28
AT OAKLAND (D)

Bases-loaded walk to Hassey and sacrifice fly by Weiss broke 5-5 tie in seventh inning lifting A's to 7-5 victory over Red Sox.

Boston	ab	r	h	rbi	Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi
Boggs, 3b	3	1	2	1	Lansford, 3b	5	2	2	0
Barrett, 2b	5	1	2	0	Javier, lf	3	0	1	1
Burks, cf	4	1	2	0	Canseco, rf	4	2	3	1
Evans, lb	4	0	1	1	Parker, dh	5	1	2	0
Greenwell, lf	3	0	1	1	McGwire, lb	5	1	1	1
Rice, dh	5	0	2	1	Henderson, cf	3	1	2	2
Reed, pr	0	0	0	0	Gallego, 2b	3	0	0	0
Gedman, c	2	0	0	0	Jennings, ph	0	0	0	0
Cerone, ph-c	2	0	0	0	Hubbard, 2b	0	0	0	0
Owen, ss	4	1	1	0	Mercado, c	1	0	0	0
Anderson, rf	4	1	2	1	Hassey, ph-c	1	0	0	1
					Weiss, ss	3	0	0	1
Totals	36	5	13	5	Totals	33	7	11	7

Totals				Totals			
36	5	13	5	33	7	11	7
Boston	1	1	0	0	2	1	0
Oakland	3	0	1	1	0	0	0-5
Boston	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO	
Boyd	3 2/3	8	5	5	2	4	
Lamp (L.1-1)	2 2/3	3	2	2	1	2	
Gardner	0*	0	0	0	2	0	
Stanley	1 1/3	0	0	0	1	2	
Oakland	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO	
Stewart	5 1/3	7	5	5	6	0	
Honeycutt (W.1-0)	2 1/3	4	0	0	0	2	
Eckersley (Save 16)	1 1/3	2	0	0	0	0	

*Pitched to two batters in seventh.
Game-winning RBI—Hassey.
E—Boyd. DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Boston 11, Oakland 10. 2B—Canseco, McGwire, Burks, Parker. 3B—Lansford, Anderson. SB—Canseco. SF—Javier, Boggs, Weiss. WP—Stewart. T—2:53. A—43,177.


Saturday, August 20
AT BOSTON (D)

RBI single by Barrett, RBI triple by Evans and RBI double by Greenwell accounted for three second-inning runs that gave Boston 7-4 advantage and Smith pitched hitless relief over last 2 1/3 innings to earn save as Red Sox defeated A's, 7-5.

Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi	Boston	ab	r	h	rbi
Polonia, lf	4	1	0	1	Boggs, 3b	5	1	3	0
Henderson, cf	5	0	1	0	Barrett, 2b	4	2	2	1
Canseco, rf	5	0	1	0	Evans, rf	4	1	1	1
McGwire, lb	5	0	1	1	Greenwell, lf	3	1	1	1
Baylor, dh	2	0	0	0	Burks, cf	4	1	2	2
Lansford, 3b	3	2	1	1	Benzinger, lb	4	0	1	2
Hassey, c	4	1	2	2	Parrish, dh	4	0	0	0
Hubbard, 2b	4	1	2	0	Owen, ss	4	0	1	0
Weiss, ss	3	0	2	0	Gedman, c	3	1	0	0
Totals	35	5	10	5	Totals	35	7	11	7

Oakland	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-5
Boston	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	x-7
Oakland	IP	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.			
Burns (L.5-1)	4*	8	7	7	3	1			
Plunk	4	3	0	0	0	4			

*Pitched to one batter in fifth.
Game-winning RBI—Barrett.
E—None. LOB—Oakland 9, Boston 7. 2B—McGwire, Burks 2. Benzinger, Boggs, Greenwell. 3B—Evans. HR—Lansford (7), Hassey (7). SB—Lansford. HBP—By Boyd (Baylor). T—3:22. A—34,372.



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7 OWEN, IF																	
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PITCHERS								
52	BODDICKER, MIKE	R	R	5-11	186	8/23/57	Cedar Rapids, IA	Obtained from Orioles in 3-player trade 7/29/88
50	BOLTON, TOM	L	L	6-3	175	5/6/62	Nashville, TN	Red Sox' 19th choice (20th round) in June '80 draft
23	BOYD, OIL CAN	R	R	6-1	160	10/6/59	Meridian, MS	Red Sox' 16th-round pick in June '80 draft
21	CLEMENS, ROGER	R	R	6-4	220	8/4/62	Dayton, OH	Red Sox' 1st pick (19th overall) in June '83 draft
44	GARDNER, WES	R	R	6-4	203	4/29/61	Benton, AR	Obtained from Mets in 8-player trade 11/13/85
47	HURST, BRUCE	L	L	6-3	214	3/24/58	St. George, UT	Red Sox' 1st pick (22nd overall) in June '76 draft
15	LAMP, DENNIS	R	R	6-3	215	9/23/52	Los Angeles, CA	Signed by Red Sox to AAA contract 1/5/88
19	SELLERS, JEFF	R	R	6-0	195	5/11/64	Compton, CA	Red Sox' 11th choice in 8th round in June '82 draft
48	SMITH, LEE	R	R	6-6	245	12/4/57	Jamestown, LA	Acquired from Cubs in 3-player deal 12/8/87
41	SMITHSON, MIKE	L	R	6-8	215	1/21/55	Centerville, TN	Signed by Red Sox to AAA contract 1/18/88
46	STANLEY, BOB	R	R	6-4	225	11/10/54	Portland, ME	Red Sox' 1st pick in sec. phase of Jan. '74 draft
45	WOODWARD, ROB	R	R	6-3	212	9/28/62	Hanover, NH	Red Sox' 3rd pick in June '81 draft
CATCHERS								
6	CERONE, RICK	R	R	5-11	195	5/19/54	Newark, NJ	Signed as free agent 4/14/88
10	GEDMAN, RICH	L	R	6-0	215	9/26/59	Worcester, MA	Signed as non-drafted free agent 8/5/77
INFIELDERS								
17	BARRETT, MARTY	R	R	5-10	174	6/23/58	Arcadia, CA	Red Sox' 1st pick in sec. phase June '79 draft
38	BENZINGER, TODD	S	R	6-1	185	2/11/63	Dayton, KY	Red Sox' 4th-round pick (5th selection) in June '81 draft
26	BOGGS, WADE	L	R	6-2	197	6/15/58	Omaha, NE	Red Sox' 7th-round pick in June '76 draft
7	OWEN, SPIKE	S	R	5-10	167	4/19/61	Cleburne, TX	Acquired from Mariners in 6-player trade 8/19 '86
25	PARRISH, LARRY	R	R	6-3	215	11/10/53	Winter Haven, FL	Signed as free agent 7/15/88
3	REED, JODY	R	R	5-9	160	7/26/62	Tampa, FL	Red Sox' 8th-round pick in June '84 draft
11	ROMERO, ED	R	R	5-11	180	12/9 '57	Santurce, P.R.	Obtained from Brewers in 2-player deal 12/10/85
OUTFIELDERS								
12	BURKS, ELLIS	R	R	6-2	188	9/11/64	Vicksburg, MS	Red Sox' 1st pick (20th overall) in Jan. '83 draft
24	EVANS, DWIGHT	R	R	6-3	208	11/3/51	Santa Monica, CA	Red Sox' 5th selection in June '69 draft
39	GREENWELL, MIKE	L	R	6-0	190	7/18/63	Louisville, KY	Red Sox' 6th pick (3rd round) in June '82 draft
14	RICE, JIM	R	R	6-2	216	3/8/53	Anderson, SC	Red Sox' 1st pick in June '71 draft
16	ROMINE, KEVIN	R	R	5-11	185	5/23/61	Exeter, NH	Red Sox' 4th pick in June '71 draft

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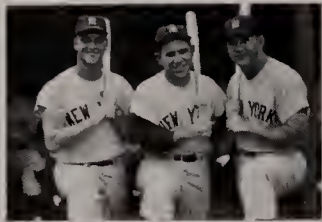
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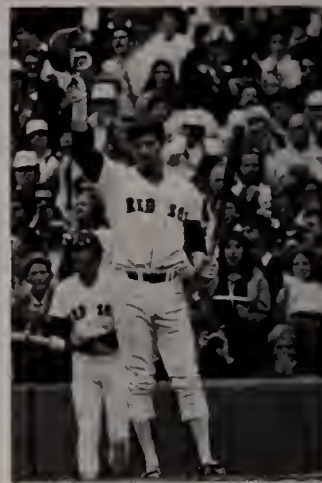
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1988 BOX SCORES — RED SOX/ATHLETICS

Sunday, August 21
AT BOSTON (D)

McGwire led off eighth inning with homer and Polonia added two-out RBI single to rally A's to 5-4 victory over Red Sox.

Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi	Boston	ab	r	h	rbi
Polonia, lf	4	1	2	1	Boggs, 3b	4	1	0	0
Henderson, cf	5	0	1	0	Barrett, 2b	4	1	2	0
Canseco, rf	5	0	1	1	Evans, dh	3	0	1	0
Parker, dh	4	0	0	0	Gr'nw'l, lf-rf	4	0	0	0
McGwire, 1b	5	1	1	1	Burks, cf	4	1	0	0
Lansford, 3b	3	2	2	0	B'z'ger, rf-1b	4	1	0	0
Hassey, c	1	0	0	1	Parrish, 1b	2	0	2	2
Hubbard, 2b	4	0	0	0	Romine, pr-rf	0	0	0	0
Weiss, ss	1	1	0	0	Owen, ph	1	0	0	0
Baylor, ph	0	0	0	0	Rice, lf	0	0	0	0
G'lego, pr-ss	0	0	0	0	Reed, ss	3	0	2	1
					Cerone, c	2	0	0	0
					Gedman, ph-c	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	5	7	4	Totals	32	4	7	3

Oakland	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Davis	5 1/3	5	4	4	6	5
Honeycutt (W.3-2)	1 2/3	0	0	0	1	2
Eckersley (Save 35)	2	2	0	0	1	2
Boston	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Gardner	6*	3	3	3	6	3
Stanley (L.5-2)	1 2/3	3	2	2	0	0
Smith	1 1/3	1	0	0	0	1

*Pitched to one batter in seventh.

Game-winning RBI—Polonia.
E—None. DP—Oakland 1, Boston 1. LOB—Oakland 9, Boston 10.
2B—Lansford, Reed, Parrish. HR—McGwire (25). SB—Evans. SH—Reed, Hassey. HBP—By Gardner (Lansford); by Stanley (Baylor). WP—Davis, Stanley. PB—Cerone. T—3:20. A—33,282.

Tuesday, August 30
AT OAKLAND (N)

Stewart fired five-hitter and game's lone run came in sixth inning on squeeze bunt by Hubbard as A's blanked Red Sox, 1-0.

Boston	ab	r	h	rbi	Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi
Boggs, 3b	2	0	0	0	Polonia, lf	4	0	0	0
Barrett, 2b	3	0	0	0	Henderson, cf	3	0	1	0
Evans, rf	4	0	1	0	Canseco, rf	4	0	2	0
Greenwell, lf	4	0	2	0	Parker, dh	3	0	2	0
Burks, cf	3	0	0	0	McGwire, 1b	4	0	1	0
Benzinger, 1b	4	0	0	0	Lansford, 3b	4	1	1	0
Parrish, dh	3	0	1	0	Steinbach, c	3	0	0	0
Owen, pr	0	0	0	0	Hubbard, 2b	3	0	0	1
Rice, ph	1	0	0	0	Weiss, ss	4	0	3	0
Reed, ss	2	0	1	0					
Gedman, c	3	0	0	0					
Totals	29	0	5	0	Totals	32	1	10	1

Boston	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Clemens (L.15-10)	6 1/3	9	1	1	2	9
Stanley	1 2/3	1	0	0	0	2
Oakland	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Stewart (W.16-11)	9	5	0	0	3	8

Game-winning RBI—Hubbard.
E—Benzinger. DP—Boston 2, Oakland 1. LOB—Boston 7, Oakland 11. 2B—Weiss, Reed. SB—Weiss, Burks, Lansford, Canseco. SH—Hubbard, Reed. HBP—By Stewart (Barrett), By Clemens (Henderson). WP—Clemens. T—2:48. A—35,220.

Monday, August 29
AT OAKLAND (N)

Two-run homer by McGwire in sixth inning was decisive as A's defeated Red Sox, 3-1.

Boston	ab	r	h	rbi	Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi
Boggs, 3b	4	0	0	0	Lansford, 3b	4	0	1	0
Barrett, 2b	3	0	1	0	Henderson, cf	3	1	0	0
Evans, rf	4	0	0	0	Canseco, rf	4	0	2	0
Greenwell, lf	4	0	1	0	Parker, dh	3	1	2	1
Burks, cf	4	1	1	1	McGwire, 1b	3	1	1	2
Benzinger, 1b	4	0	0	0	Hassey, c	4	0	0	0
Rice, dh	4	0	1	0	Polonia, lf	3	0	0	0
Romero, ss	3	0	1	0	Hubbard, 2b	3	0	1	0
Gedman, c	3	0	1	0	Weiss, ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	33	1	6	1	Totals	29	3	7	3

Boston	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Boddicker (L.10-15)	6 1/3	7	3	3	3	2
Lamp	1 2/3	0	0	0	2	0
Oakland	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Welch (W.15-7)	8 2/3	6	1	1	1	7
Eckersley (Save 36)	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	0

Game-winning RBI—McGwire.
E—None. LOB—Boston 6, Oakland 8. 2B—Hubbard. HR—Burks (15), McGwire (26). SH—Weiss. WP—Boddicker. T—2:39. A—40,423.

Wednesday, August 31
AT OAKLAND (D)

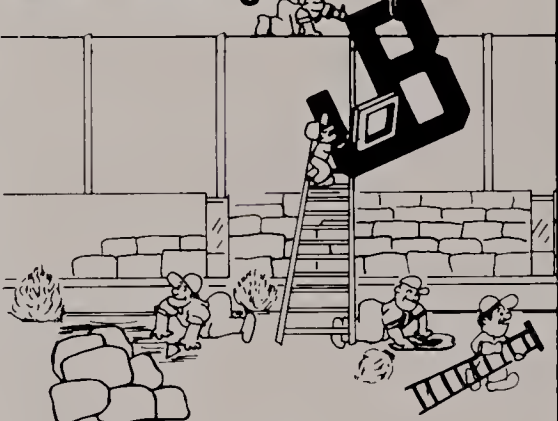
Completing three-game series sweep, A's downed Red Sox, 7-2, as McGwire pulled trigger with three-run homer in first turn at bat.

Boston	ab	r	h	rbi	Oakland	ab	r	h	rbi
Boggs, 3b	4	0	0	0	Polonia, lf	4	1	1	0
Reed, 2b	4	0	2	0	Henderson, cf	4	2	2	1
Evans, rf	4	1	1	0	Canseco, rf	3	1	1	1
Greenwell, lf	2	0	0	0	Parker, dh	4	0	0	0
Burks, cf	3	1	0	0	McGwire, 1b	3	1	2	3
Benzinger, 1b	4	0	2	2	Lansford, 3b	4	0	1	0
Parrish, dh	3	0	0	0	Hassey, c	4	1	1	0
Owen, ss	4	0	1	0	Hubbard, 2b	3	1	1	0
Cerone, c	4	0	1	0	Jennings, ph	1	0	1	0
Totals	32	2	7	2	Totals	34	7	12	5

Boston	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Smithson (L.6-5)	6	8	6	6	2	2
Lamp	2	4	1	1	0	0
Oakland	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Davis (W.14-4)	5 2/3	5	2	2	3	2
Plunk	1	1	0	0	2	2
Honeycutt	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cadaret	1	1	0	0	0	0

Game-winning RBI—McGwire.
E—None. DP—Boston 2, Oakland 2. LOB—Boston 8, Oakland 5.
2B—Henderson, Benzinger. HR—McGwire (27), Henderson (21).
SB—Polonia, Canseco. WP—Lamp. Balk—Smithson. T—2:37.
A—37,151.

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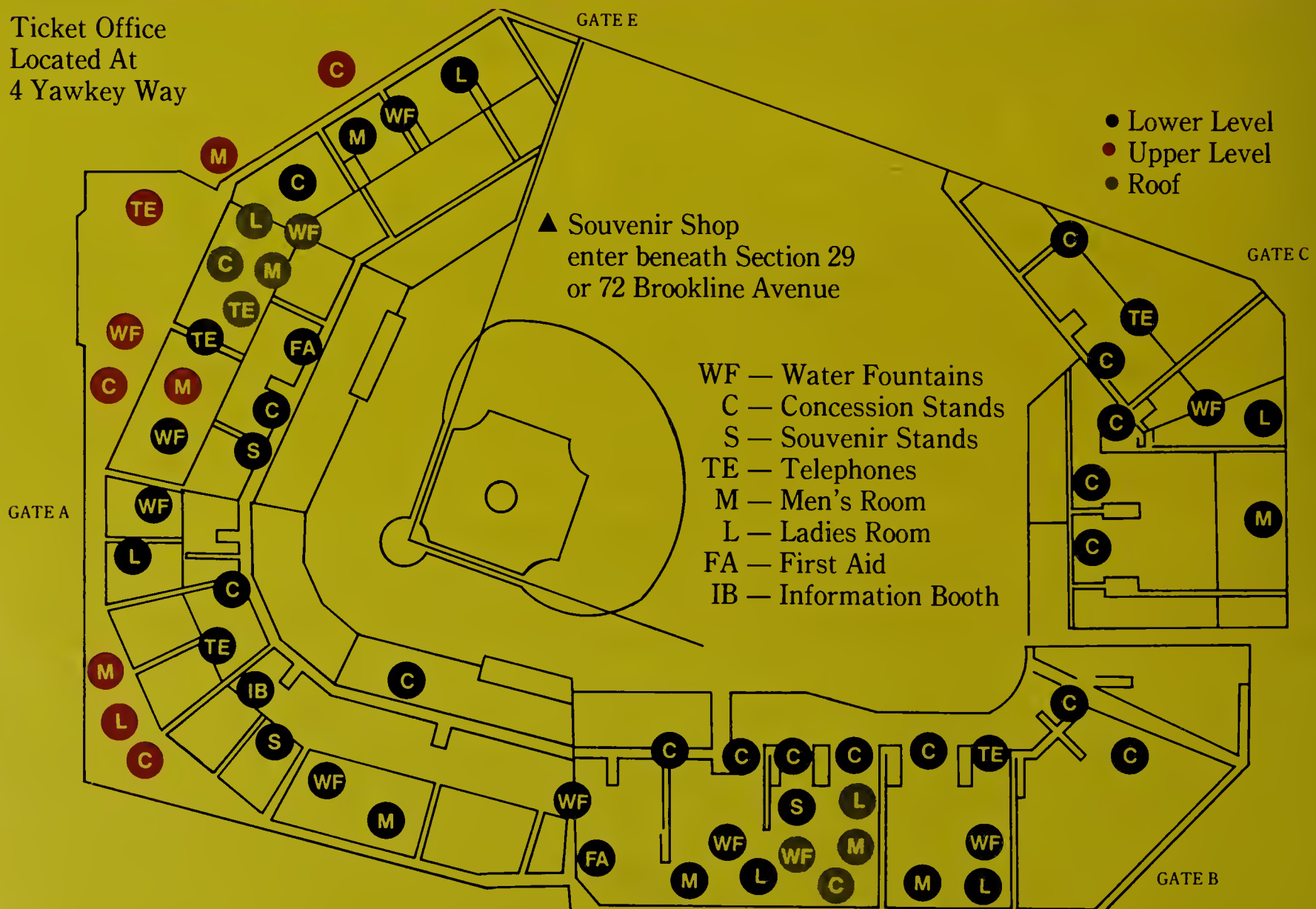
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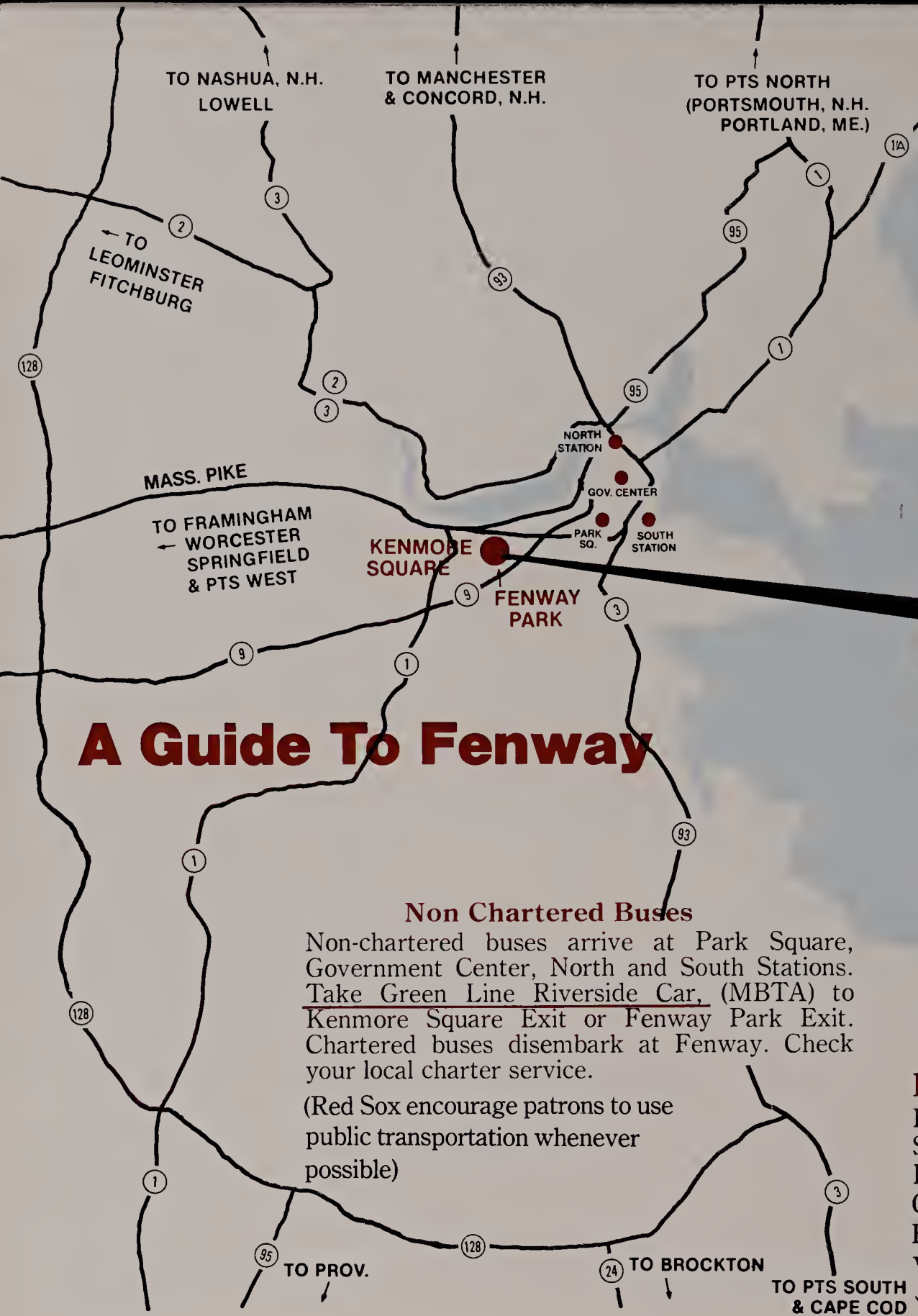
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1988 Oakland Athletics



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TONY LaRUSSA

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Every winter for the last six years the Oakland Athletics have tried to "turn things around" in hopes of avoiding yet another disappointing season. For five consecutive years, it didn't work. So it came as no surprise to anyone when the A's went out last winter and began restructuring the club once again. And when the A's called a press conference last December to introduce this year's new faces, naturally there was a certain sense of *deja vu*. After all, this *had* become an annual event with the A's. Why would this year be any different from the last five?

But right from the beginning, there *was* something different. It was almost palpable at the press conference. One by one they were introduced: Dave Henderson, a free agent highly recommended by his former manager and coach, Rene Lachemann; Glenn Hubbard, signed to provide the A's with key double plays, something the team sorely lacked in recent years; Dave Parker, two-time N.L. MVP, acquired for his left-handed bat and his leadership; Matt Young, a hard-throwing lefty who made the All-Star team under Dave Duncan's tutelage in 1983 (sidelined for all of 1988 with arm problems); Ron Hassey, a lifetime .280 hitter and one of the top game-calling catchers in the league; and Bob Welch, simply one of the finest pitchers in the game for the last 10 years.

"We are very happy with the players sitting here who we have added to our club," said A's V.P. of Business Operations Sandy Alderson, the man responsible for acquiring this impressive array of talent. "We think these six players will add immeasurably to our club in 1988 and make it easier for the Dave Stewarts, Mark McGwires and Jose Cansecos to do what we all hope, which is to bring a pennant to Oakland."

Alderson's words sounded much the same as they had in past years. But the look on his face said it all: "This year will be different."

Like Alderson, A's Manager Tony LaRussa had that flushed look of exhilaration on his face. But *he* didn't mince his words. "This club should win anywhere between 90 and 100 games," he boldly stated. "I'd rather manage this team with these players than any club in baseball . . . I've been advised not to say this, but I'm going to say it anyway. We're gonna win it."

It was with that note of confidence that the A's went into spring training. Before they would be ready to begin the season, however, questions needed to be answered. Who would compose the A's starting rotation? Then, who would end up in the bullpen? Both these questions were answered when Matt Young went down with an injury and Steve Ontiveros out-pitched Rick Honeycutt forcing him into long relief.

That left Oakland with a starting rotation of Dave Stewart, Welch, Storm Davis, Curt Young and Ontiveros. The bullpen was made up of stopper Dennis Eckersley, Eric Plunk, Greg Cadaret, Gene Nelson and Honeycutt.

Another question that loomed was: Who will play centerfield? The competition began with three candidates — Dave Henderson, Stan Javier and Tony Phillips. By the final week of camp Henderson and Javier were still battling for the position. Due to their equally impressive performances, LaRussa elected to start the season with a platoon system.

The only other point of concern for LaRussa was Walt Weiss, the A's 24-year-old rookie shortstop. Never has a rookie shortstop been an everyday starter for a championship club. This fact was not lost on LaRussa. Hence, one of the first things the A's manager said to Weiss and the press was that the slick fielding shortstop didn't have to hit to keep his job, just make the necessary plays. His burden somewhat lessened, Weiss proceeded to have a sterling spring with both the bat and the glove.

With the roster set and the players in shape and champing at the bit to get the season under way, the A's broke camp and headed for Oakland to find out how good they really were. Would 1988 be

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another season of frustration, or would the A's finally realize their potential? Would this year truly be different?

The A's began the season at home, and Opening Night was filled with pomp, pageantry and a joyous sense of anticipation. The ballclub didn't disappoint either. Starting centerfielder Dave Henderson went two for four with a home run in leading the A's to a 4-1 victory over the Seattle Mariners. 1987 20-game winner Dave Stewart gave up only one run (and that on a balk) in 8-plus innings to get the win. Erstwhile starter, Eckersley, now Oakland's designated stopper, picked up the save. Though no one was really aware of it at the time, Opening Night proved to be a preview of things to come.

But for that matter, so did game two of the 1988 season. That night, Bob Welch went seven shutout innings in defeating Mike Moore and the Mariners, 2-0. Once again, Eckersley nailed down the save. The most significant and somewhat surprising aspect of the game, however, was the A's extraordinary defense. Said Welch after the game, "It was the best defensive game behind me that I've had since I've been a pitcher."

If there was one area in which the A's were suspect coming into the season, it was defense. With a rookie shortstop, a new second baseman, a centerfielder with an allegedly "average" glove, and a leftfielder and rightfielder who were new at their positions (Parker and Canseco), the A's looked like anything but defensive marvels.

Yet as the season progressed, it became increasingly apparent that this improbable collection of fielders could play some D. In fact, by all standards — statistically and according to the opinion of knowledgeable observers — this 1988 version of the A's is the best fielding club in Oakland Athletics' history.

As most fans know, solid fielding leads to consistent play, and if the A's were anything this season it was consistent. It seemed LaRussa was forever mouthing the phrase, "Win the series. Let's not worry about sweeps or streaks. Win two out of three and we'll be fine." That was exactly what the A's did through their first three series.

Then came the turning point in the season. After the A's rolled into Chicago — LaRussa's old hometown before getting sacked by the White Sox — and promptly lost three straight, they began

playing with an intensity and a precision not seen in Oakland since the days of Reggie Jackson, Catfish Hunter, Joe Rudi, et al. They proceeded to win 19 out of their next 20 games, including 14 in a row. On May 10, the A's record stood at 24-7, 8 games over second-place Minnesota.

Oakland's modus operandi during the early stages of the season was the come-from-behind victory. Through the first 20 games the A's outscored the opposition 28-9 in the 8th inning and 13-6 in the 9th.

A fitting example of this trend took place on April 19 in a game with California which Oakland was losing 8-6 in the 9th. Ron Hassey, with his woesome .120 batting average, was summoned to pinch hit against Donnie Moore. The 35-year-old catcher promptly stroked a 3-run homer to win the game.

This victory, and many others like it, demonstrated what kind of character the club was made of, and at the same time, continued to induce added confidence. Said Dave Stewart, "We don't worry about the score. We *know* we're going to come back and win. And we do. I just try to keep the game fairly close, because I know we're gonna score late."



JOSE CANSECO

Stewart was right. And he was good for his word, too. Whether he had his best stuff or not, Stewart could always be relied on to keep battling. And it was that determination — coupled with a 94-mph fastball — that enabled him to go 8-0 to begin the season.

Leading the A's offensive attack is rightfielder Canseco. As most baseball fans know, this 24-year-old slugger can do it all: hit for average, hit for power,

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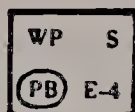
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Pitcher	1	Second Baseman	4	Left Fielder	7
Catcher	2	Third Baseman	5	Center Fielder	8
First Baseman	3	Shortstop	6	Right Fielder	9

SYMBOLS FOR PLAYS

Single	—	Fielder's Choice	FC	Passed Ball	PB
Double	=	Hit by Pitcher	HP	Balk	BK
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- Fly ball striking wall or flag pole and bounding into bleachers: Home Run.
- Fly ball striking line or right of same on wall in right center: Home Run.
- Fly ball striking wall left of line and bounding into bullpen: Home Run.
- Ball sticking in bullpen screen: 2 Bases.
- Batted or thrown ball remaining behind or under canvas or in cylinder: 2 Bases.
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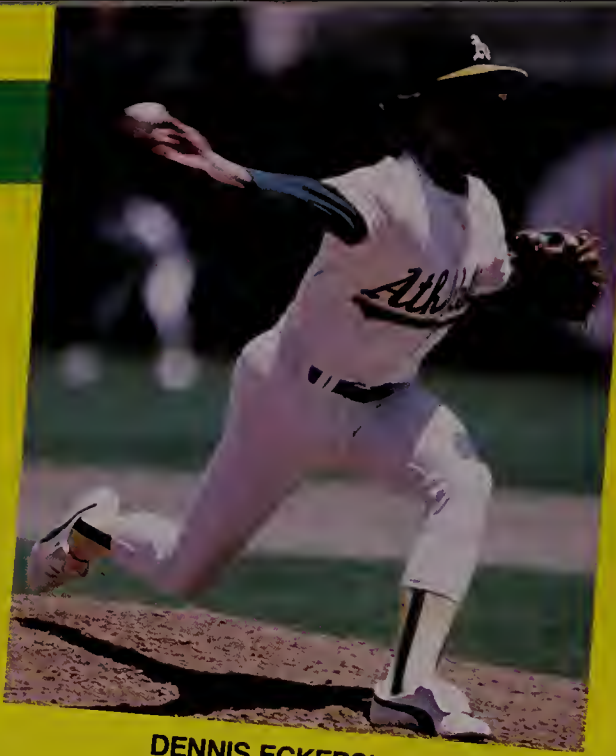
field, throw and run. He can also produce in the clutch.

Then there's quiet Mark McGwire who also hits for power; Parker, injured for much of the year, yet still a key element in the A's offensive game; Carney Lansford, whom LaRussa called the "heart and soul of the team;" Terry Steinbach, All-Star Game MVP; Don Baylor, the team leader and Mr. Clutch coming off the bench.

Dave Henderson, signed as a free agent last December, has played center-field brilliantly and made A's fans forget his predecessor, six-time Gold Glove winner Dwayne Murphy.

But the A's aren't *all* muscle. Several little guys have played a big part in the A's success story. Luis Polonia, called up from Triple-A (where he was batting .335) in June, has provided the A's with extra left-handed punch at the top of the order. He can also run, having swiped 20 bases in 26 attempts.

Though employed almost strictly for his glove, Walt Weiss has developed into a tough out at the bottom of the A's order. After a miserable start, hitting under .200 for much of the early season, Weiss steadily raised his average.



DENNIS ECKERSLEY

Glenn Hubbard has been one of Oakland's unsung clutch performers in the field and at bat; Stan Javier has played outstanding defense and stolen 21 of 22 bases and hit well; Mike Gallego is a veritable defensive wizard at second, third and short; and Doug Jennings has been one of the A's top pinch hitters in 1988.

While the A's are renown for their big bats, it has been their pitching that has made the difference in 1988. Oakland's starting five may be as good as any in baseball. After a 1-2 punch of Stewart and Welch, things don't get

too much easier. Storm Davis had his best season as a professional after a horrendous '87 campaign (2-7, 6.18 ERA for the Padres). Curt Young struggled early, then bounced back and pitched effectively down the stretch. Oakland's fifth starter for the last two months of the season, rookie Todd Burns, called up from Triple A when Ontiveros went down with arm troubles, went 5-0 in his first 8 starts.

When you get past the A's starters, you confront what Tony LaRussa calls "the best bullpen in baseball," anchored by Eckersley. Left-handed set-up man Greg Cadaret — with his 93-mph fastball — has emerged in 1988 as one of the top left-handed relievers in the game. Eric Plunk can handle starter or stopper duties, as well as everything in between. Gene Nelson is the A's designated middle inning reliever, and according to LaRussa, "one of the best in the business." Honeycutt, like all the A's relievers, is a converted starter who has flourished in the bullpen.

It seemed rather preposterous when LaRussa suggested that the A's would win between 90 and 100 games this season. Even in light of all the improvements the A's had made, LaRussa's prediction smacked of wishful thinking, not realistic expectation. But that was six months ago, a different era altogether.

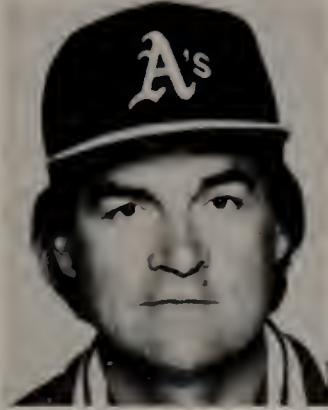


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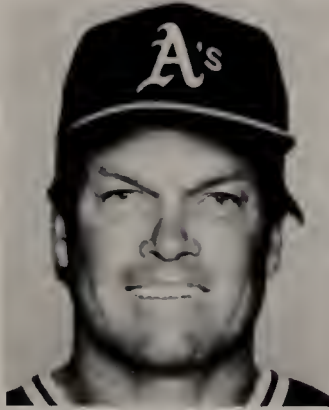


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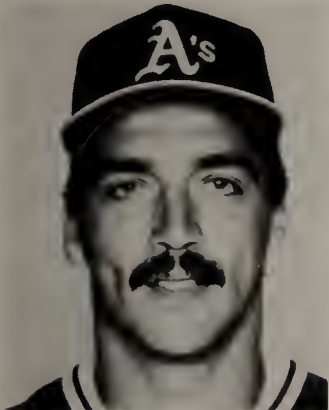
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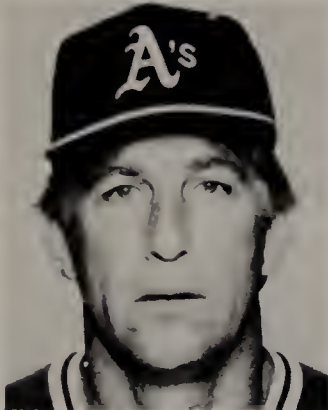
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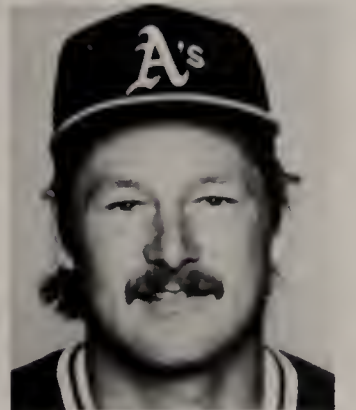
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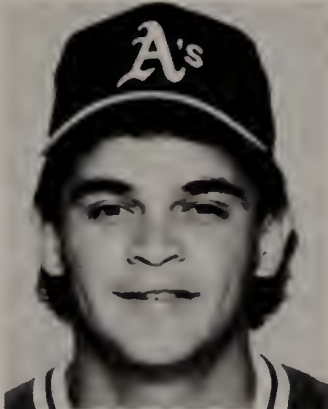
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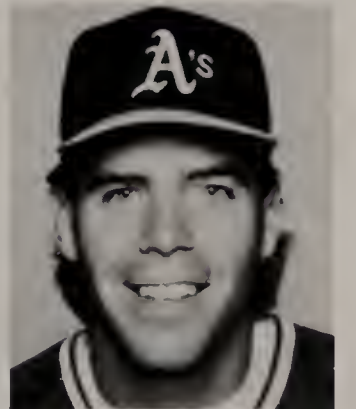
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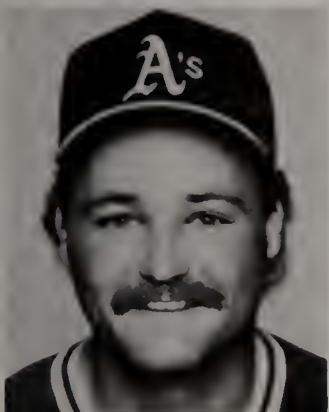
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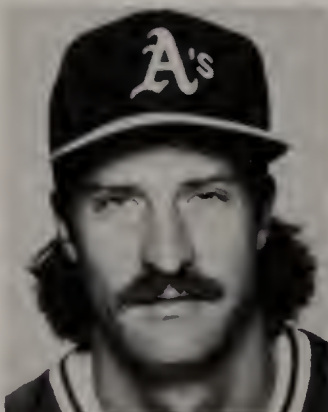
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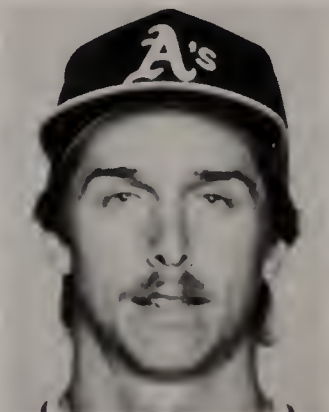
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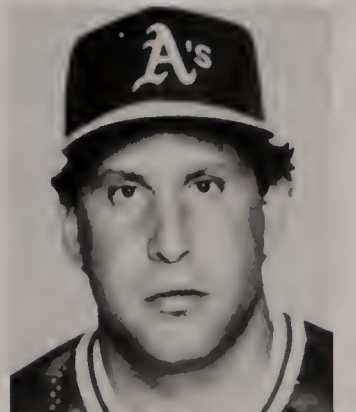
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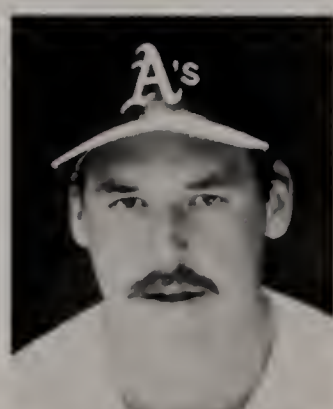
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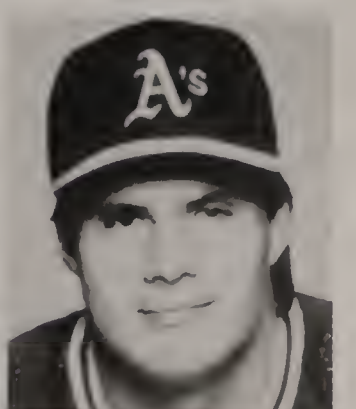
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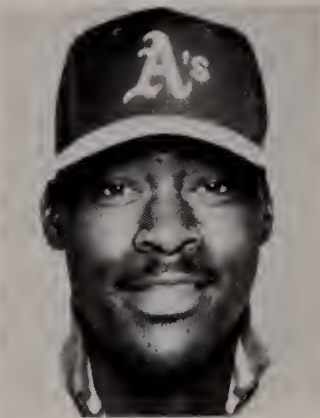


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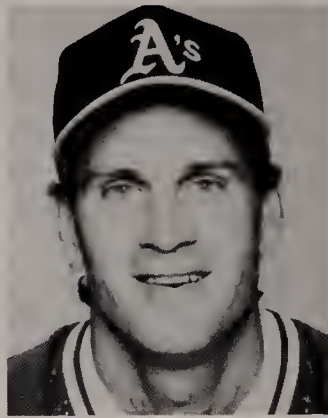


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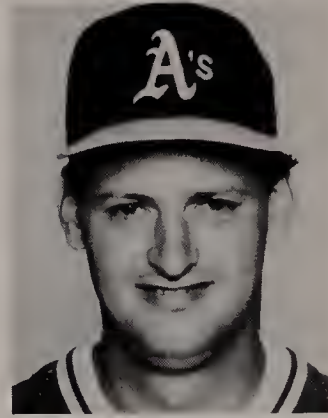
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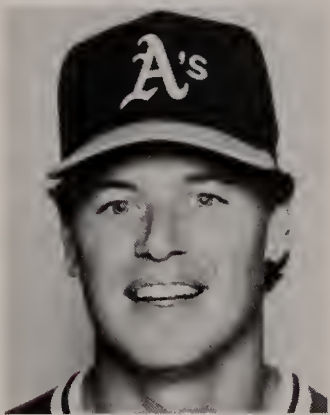
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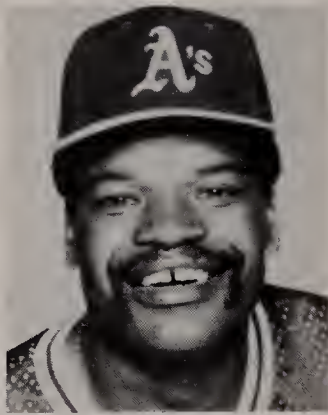
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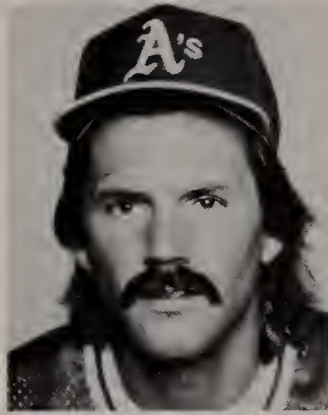
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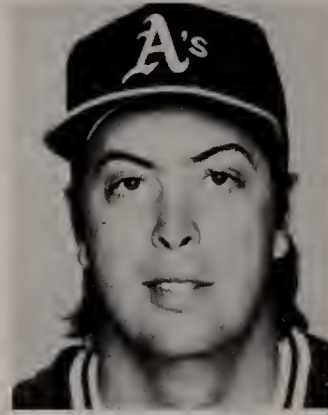
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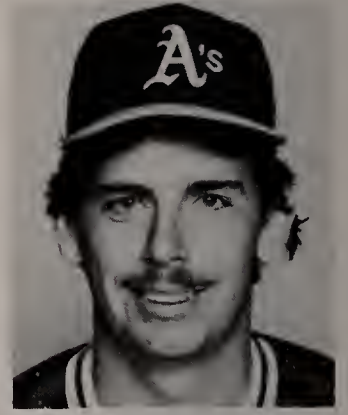
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The Red Sox were back within two games of the Tigers when they left for a critical 13-game road trip to the West Coast and Baltimore on Aug. 25. The Sox were only 26-32 on the road, but they weren't looking to just stay close to the Tigers during the two-week swing. "We want to come back here in first place," said Greenwell, who had become the first major leaguer to drive in 100 runs in 1988 two days earlier and thrust himself into the race for the MVP award with the Athletics' Jose Canseco.

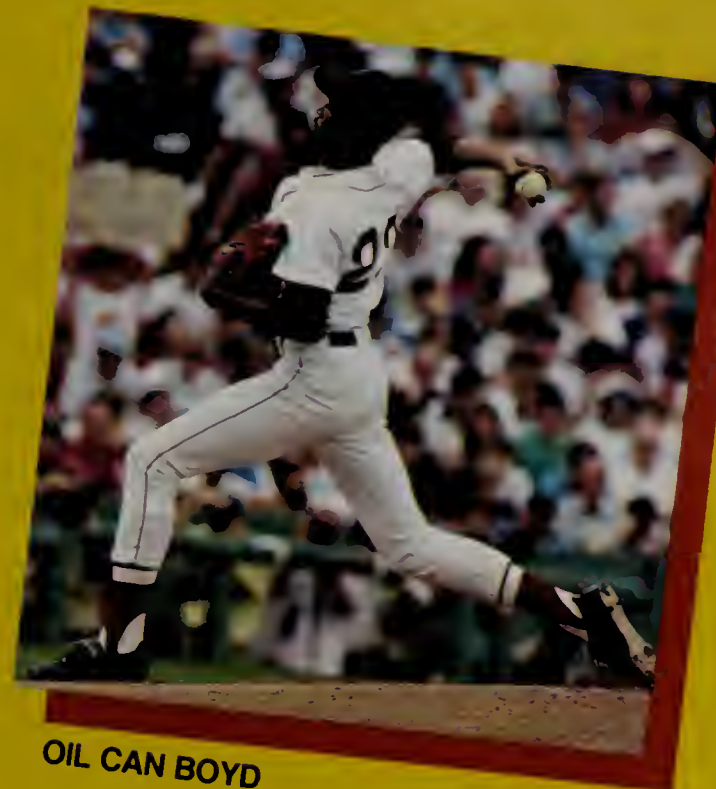
Hurst won his seventh straight game and ran his record to 16-4 while striking out 11 as the Red Sox beat the Seattle Mariners on August 28 to close within one game of first place. They had four chances in the next six days to deadlock the Tigers but couldn't do it as the AL East race threatened to degenerate into a travesty.

The Tigers lost 3-2 to the White Sox the next night, but the Sox, who already knew what their rivals had done every night because of the time difference, lost to the Athletics 3-1. The Tigers lost 4-1 to the White Sox the following night, but Clemens dropped a tough 1-0 decision to the Athletics. In Anaheim three nights later the Sox knew the Tigers had lost 5-0 to the Brewers but lost 3-2 to the Angels. The Brewers beat the Tigers again 7-3 the next night, but the Angels beat the Sox 2-1.

It wasn't until the next day, September 4, that the Red Sox finally caught the Tigers again. Larry Parrish's 10th-inning homer capped a comeback from a four-run deficit in a 6-5 win over the Angels while the Brewers throttled the Tigers again 6-1.

The Red Sox flew to Baltimore and took over sole possession of first place the next night on Labor Day as Mike Smithson beat the Orioles 4-1, Smith recorded his 23rd save, and Parrish and Evans homered while the Tigers were losing 5-4 to the Toronto Blue Jays. When they finally returned to Fenway following a 6-7 road trip, they were 1½ games in front.

Amazingly, they had gotten there without a single victory from Roger Clemens, the two-time defending Cy Young Award winner, since July 30. Clemens, who had hurt his back moving furniture into his new home



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and was also victimized by a lack of run support, didn't win a game in the month of August and lost five straight decisions before beating the Cleveland Indians with a one-hitter on Sept. 10 for his 16th win.

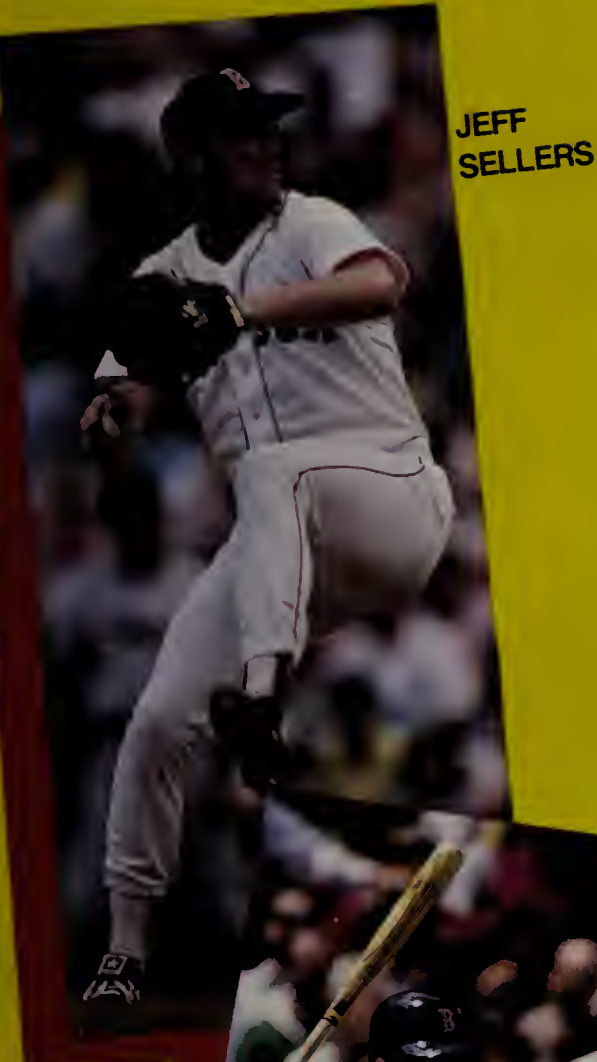
The Red Sox went 8-2 on a 10-game homestand in September and saw their lead grow to six games on Sept. 18 after they beat the Yankees three out of four at Fenway Park. The highlight of the series was a brilliant three-hitter by Hurst for his 18th win.

But it was a tribute to the Red Sox that they could do it without a significant contribution from their ace, who nevertheless led the league in strikeouts and shutouts. They had also lost Boyd for the season with his second blood clot, and Sellers was on the DL for the second time. But Hurst, Boddicker, Smithson, and Wes Gardner picked up the slack, and Bob Stanley — who had made a remarkable comeback from a career-threatening hand injury in the off-season — and Dennis Lamp had given the Red Sox solid middle relief as set-up men for Smith.

Although the Red Sox did not show the kind of power their teams historically do, they and the Athletics were at the top of the league in runs scored. Greenwell and Evans both drove in 100 runs, and Wade Boggs scored 100 for the sixth straight year while walking 100 times and collecting 200 hits for a major-league record sixth straight season and winning his fourth straight batting title and fifth in six years.

Burks stole more than 20 bases and drove in more than 80 runs, Benzinger proved to be a tough late-inning clutch hitter, and Reed was a sparkplug at shortstop.

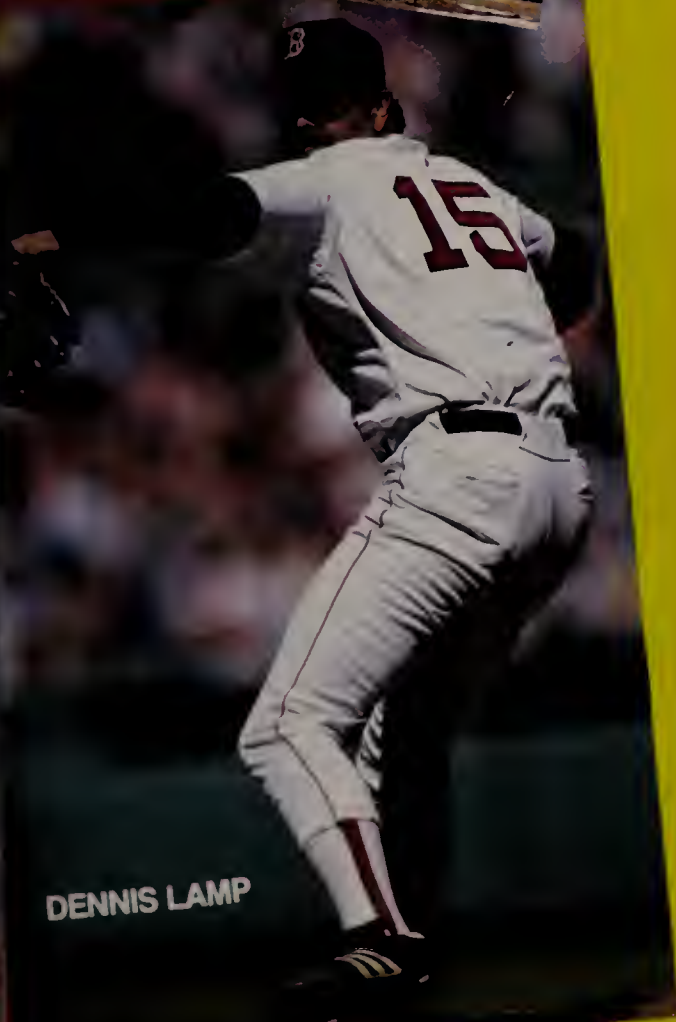
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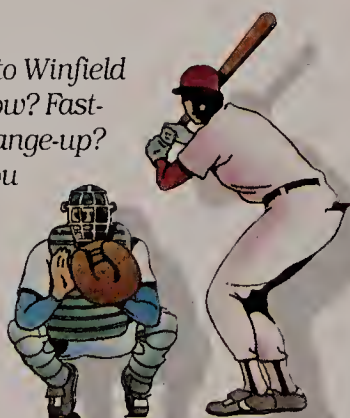
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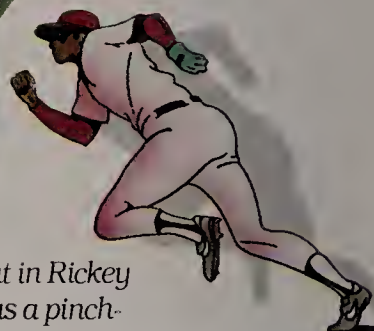
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EVANS and RICE

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Evans has played on two pennant-winners and in two World Series. Rice could say the same, except that a broken hand suffered the last week of the 1975 season kept him out of post-season action.

Both men say the same thing. You can never get enough October baseball, and the reason is packaged in a three-letter word.

"The most fun I've ever had in my life in baseball," says Evans, "is in a World Series. It's the ultimate in this game. It's what keeps me going."

"This is not a job," says Rice, "it's fun. There are people who get up in the morning and do the same job every day. That's not us. We've been playing baseball since we're kids and it's fun, always has been."

Evans takes very obvious joy in the pressures and demands of playoff baseball. When he first became a pro, he thought he might play 10 or 12 years. Nearly two decades have now passed, and he's still motivated by the thought of yet another chance to play in a World Series.

One need only compare the Evans of 1987 with that of 1988 to see how he's affected by the pleasures of a pennant chase. Last season he clearly had the finest year of his long career. He also had a pretty long face as the Red Sox were never in contention. This year he's bounced around the clubhouse like a rookie.

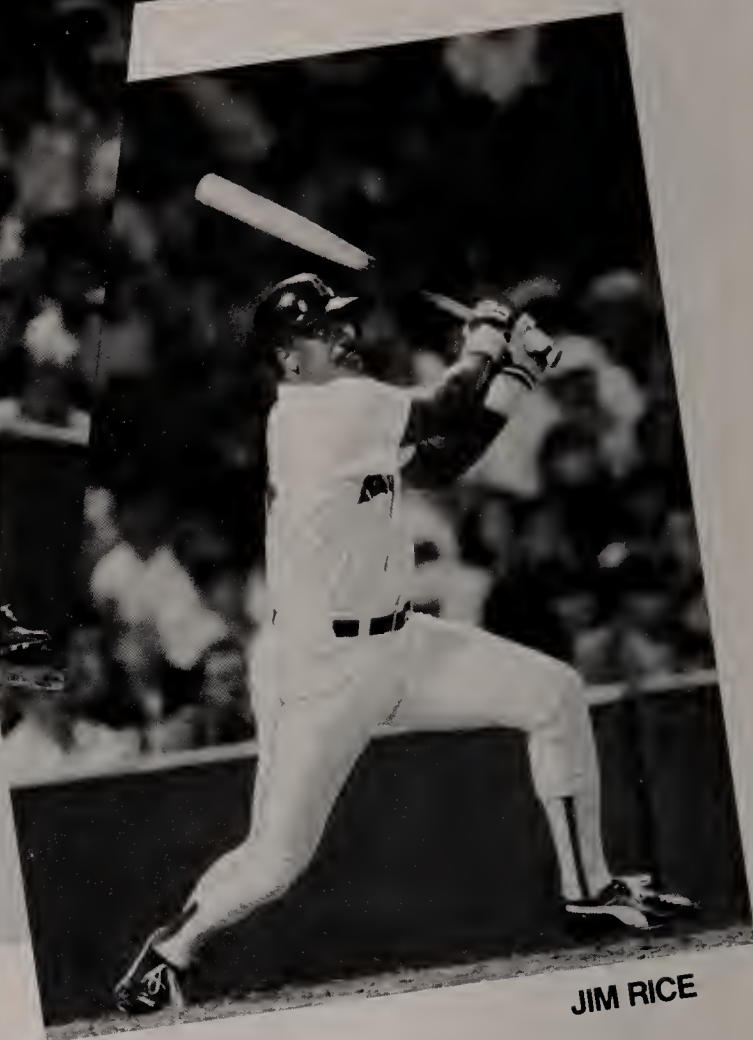
"Last year," he said, "I was miserable, depressed. Yeah, it was the best year I ever had, I guess, but what did it mean. The team didn't go anywhere."

"Now, the year before (1986), I hit .260 and we won a pennant. That was the best .260 I ever hit in my life."

Rice had to wait a long time for his first post-season experience. The '74 team he joined in August fell short of a pennant, but the legendary '75 Red Sox featured rookies Rice and Fred Lynn, the Gold Dust Twins. But Vern Ruhle hit Rice with a pitch and broke Jim's hand during the last week of September. All Rice could do was watch the playoffs and Series.



DWIGHT EVANS



JIM RICE

"No, it wasn't frustrating," says Rice about that outside-looking-in fall. "It wasn't my fault I got hurt. It was something I had no control over. I can't worry about things I can't do anything about."

Then, it took 11 years before The Captain finally made it to the playoffs as part of the 1986 A.L. East champions. Was he concerned that he might be one of those unfortunate Hall of Famers who did everything but play in a World Series?

"There are a lot of players who never played in World Series," he says, "some who played longer than me. I figured if it was going to happen, it would happen."

It finally did after Rice had put together one of the best seasons of his career. In fact, since Rice has been with the Red Sox, they've had some of their best seasons at the same time he's been having some of his best. And, while The Captain says he prepares for pressure games the same way he does for a game in April or May, Rice has hit better in September than any other month.

When Evans and Rice were younger, the Red Sox had veterans like Carl Yastrzemski, Rico Petrocelli and Luis Tiant to lead them through the travails of a pennant race and playoffs. Now, they're the ones who've been there before. It puts a different light on things.

"To me," says Evans, "leadership is something you do, not something you talk about. Talking is easy. Doing is tough."

"It's probably easier for the young ballplayer," says Rice. "When you first come up, nobody expects anything from you. After you've been around for a couple of years, you know other players are watching you and you've got to prove you belong."

Both Rice and Evans are long past proving anything. Now, says Evans, the pressure he feels is the pressure of time, the specter of a clock creeping up on midnight.

"My only anxiety, if that's the right word, is that time-wise, I'm on the down side of the slope. That's not to say I can't do it anymore, but I know that point is getting closer, and I can't be sure when I'm going to get another chance."

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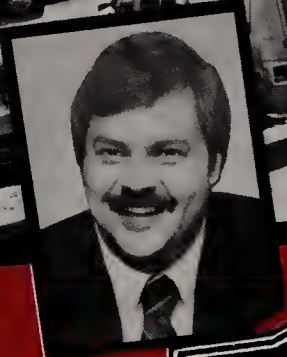
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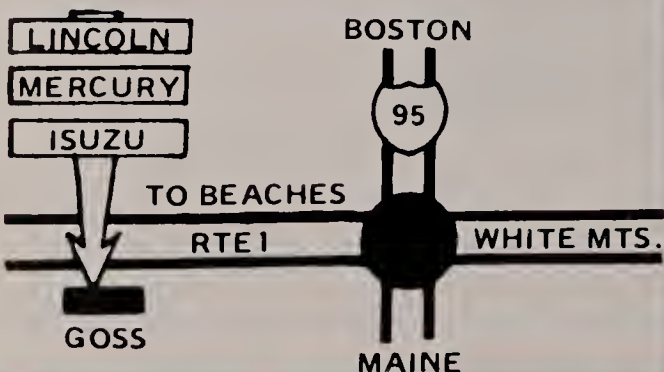
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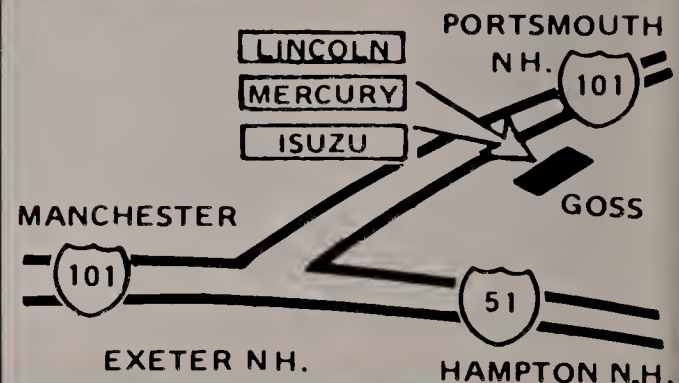
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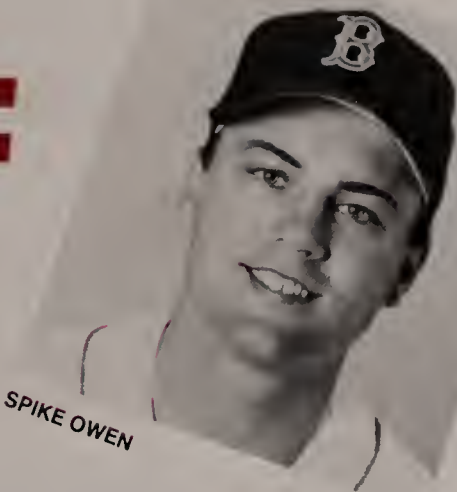


Red Sox

1988



LARRY PARRISH



SPIKE OWEN



ROB WOODWARD



WES GARDNER



JODY REED

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LARRY PARRISH

Signed as free agent 7/17/88 after release by Texas . . . Hit .190 (47-248) with 7 HR and 26 RBI in 1988 with Tex. . . In 1987 hit .268 with career-high 32 HR, 9th in A.L., and 100 RBI . . . Named A.L. Player of the Month for May (.393, 7 HR, 35 RBI) . . . Named to A.L. All-Star team & singled in 1 AB off Lee Smith . . . In 1986 was Rangers' Player of the Year for 2nd time . . . Finished 7th in A.L. in slugg. (.509) and led team in RBI (94) . . . Hit .276 with 28 HR . . . Earned All-Conference honors in both baseball and basketball at Haines City H.S. (FL).

WES GARDNER

Finished at 3-6, 5.42 ERA and team-high 10 svcs. . . Had career-high 7 Ks in 3 IP Apr. 15 vs. Tex. for 1st sv . . . Went 8.1 inngs. in rel. July 22 vs. Cal., longest rel. app. in M.L. in '87 . . . Only start July 28 in Tor., a no-dec. (7 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 6 Ks) . . . In 1986 made only 1 rel. app. . . Sore rt. shoulder placed him on D.L. Apr. 16 for rest of yr. . . Had arthroscopic surgery for torn cartilage July 10 . . . Attended U. of Central Ark. (3 yrs.) & named to All-Conf. and All-NAIA teams 3 str. yrs. . . Enjoys hunting, fishing & training bird dogs. . . Married in off-season.



ED ROMERO

SPIKE OWEN

Played in 132 gms. with only 13 errors in 1987 . . . 4th among 14 A.L. SS who played in 100 gms. with .975 field pct. . . Had career-high, 12-game hit streak July 22-Aug. 7 (17-45, .378) . . . In 1986 led A.L. SS in assists (466), TC (765) & DP (132) . . . Led Sox in '86 ALCS with .429 avg. (9-21) . . . Hit .300 in W.S. (6-20) . . . Tied ALCS rec. for most hits in consec. gms. (6) . . . Attended U. of Tex. & teamed with Clemens & Schiraldi to play in '82 College W.S. . . Was 3rd team All-America in '81 and '82 . . . Named Southwest Conf. Player of the Year in '81 . . . Brother Dave in KC organization . . . Married with 1 son.

ROB WOODWARD

Joined Red Sox 9/2/88 after contract was purchased from Pawt. . . Was 1-4 with 3.86 ERA & 13 svcs. in 44.1 IP in '88 . . . Started '87 with Red Sox, sent to Pawt. twice, finished with Bost. . . Was 12-8 with 3.51 ERA in 21 starts for Pawt. . . 1-1, 7.05 ERA in 37 IP for Red Sox . . . In 1986 at Pawt. was 9-6, 3.17 ERA in 18 starts . . . Had 3 consec. CG SHO, led lg. with 4 . . . Set Pawt. rec. for most scoreless inngs. (27.2) . . . At New Brit. in 1985 was 7-5, 3.54 ERA . . . Pitched 3 consec. 3-hitters for N.B. in 1984 . . . Red Sox' 3rd pick in '81 June draft . . . Grad. from Lebanon H.S. in '81 where he was baseball MVP (2 yrs.), All-State (3 yrs.) and state champion in basketball.

ED ROMERO

In 1987 hit .272 in 88 gms., his 2nd best avg. in a season (.317 in 59 gms. for Milw. in '83) . . . Provided strong defense . . . Had career-high, 15-game hit streak Apr. 21-May 13 (18-50, .360) . . . Last hit of '87 was 400th of career . . . In 1986 played in 100 gms. in infield, 67 starts . . . Struck out only 130 times in career 1,585 AB . . . Traded to Sox for P Mark Clear Dec. 10, 1985 . . . Signed as free agent by Milw. in '75 . . . Native of Santurce, P.R., resides with wife, Ivana, and two children in West Palm Beach, FL.

JODY REED

Spent most of '87 in Pawt. & hit .296 in 136 gms. . . Named Int. Lg. Player of the Week July 27-Aug. 2 (11-22, .500) . . . Led Int. Lg. SS in gms. (135), TC (683), PO (236), assists (427) and DP (86) . . . Recalled by Red Sox Sept. 6 and went 3-6 with 2 RBI and SB in 1st M.L. start Sept. 18 (2nd gm.) in Balt. . . Had back-to-back 3-RBI gms. Sept. 27 (4-5) and Sept. 28 (2-3) . . . In 1985 led FSL in avg. (.321), runs (95) and BB (94) at Winter Haven . . . Named to FSL All-Star team . . . Originally drafted in 1st round of '82 draft by San Fran . . . Received Criminology degree from Florida State U in 1985.

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1986

American League Championship Series

by Jeff Idelson



Like every other April, Red Sox fans expected the best from the home team in 1986, and when Dwight Evans lined the first pitch of the season into Tiger Stadium's left-centerfield seats, pennant fever was imminent. The early season drama continued, as Roger Clemens, en route to the first of two consecutive Cy Young seasons, fanned a major league record 20 Seattle Mariners on a cold, rainy April night in Fenway Park. In May, Boston won five of six from Oakland in home and away series. On May 14, trailing 4-0 in Anaheim into the 7th inning, Wade Boggs and Rich Gedman hit home runs as Clemens held on for his sixth consecutive victory, in an 8-5 win over the club they would meet in the playoffs, catapulting Boston into first place to stay.

The 1986 season became a catalyst for meshing many fine individual accomplishments for Boston players. Wade Boggs' .357 batting average led the majors, and his 200-hit, 100-walk season was the first of its kind since Stan Musial accomplished the feat in 1953. Bill Buckner hit a career-high 18 HR while driving in 102. Dwight Evans hit seven HR during the September stretch as Boston clinched, and Rich Gedman was solid behind the plate throwing out an amazing 50% of would-be base-stealers and contributing two dramatic grand slams in Anaheim and Detroit. Mike Greenwell was called up from Pawtucket and hit .314 for the Sox in 31 games. Jim Rice hit .324 with 20 HR and 110 RBI, including a club-high 10 HR and 48 RBI in Fenway Park.

The pitching staff led by Clemens put together a phenomenal season finishing with a team earned run average of 3.93. Clemens posted a 24-4 record with a league-leading 2.48 ERA. His 14-0 start to begin the season was the fifth best in history. Clemens pitched three hitless innings and was the All-Star Game's MVP. Oil Can Boyd won a career-high 16 games including the pennant clincher against Toronto on September 28 in Boston. Bruce Hurst was the American League Pitcher of the month for September, posting a 5-0 mark, and Tom Seaver, acquired in late June by the Sox, contributed five wins toward the pennant drive. The bullpen was solid led by veterans Bob Stanley and left-hander Joe Sambito along with Steve Crawford and newcomer Calvin Schiraldi. Boston finished the season with a 95-66 mark, 5½ games better than runner-up New York while California ended up with 92 victories, five better than Texas.

The playoff series with the Angels proved to be among the most dramatic in history. These two evenly matched teams played four lopsided games in Boston and three tight contests in Anaheim. Manager John McNamara's club hit .272, led by playoff MVP Marty Barrett's series-high 11 hits. Four starters hit better than .340 led by ex-Seattle Mariner Spike Owen's .429 average (9-21). Gedman hit .357 and Rice drilled two HR. Gene Mauch's Angels, who came within one pitch of winning the flag, were led by veteran Bob Boone who hit .455 as did rookie Wally Joyner. Unfortunately for the Angels, Reggie Jackson was uncharacteristically not a factor, hitting but .192 in the series.

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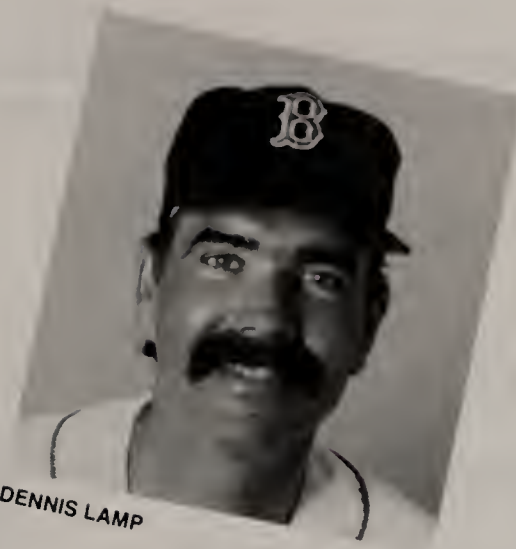
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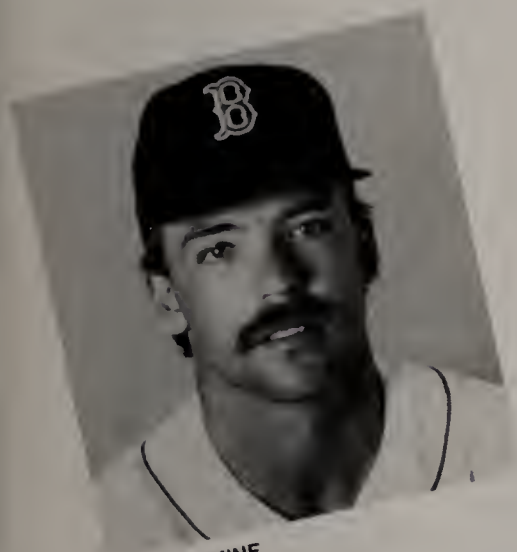
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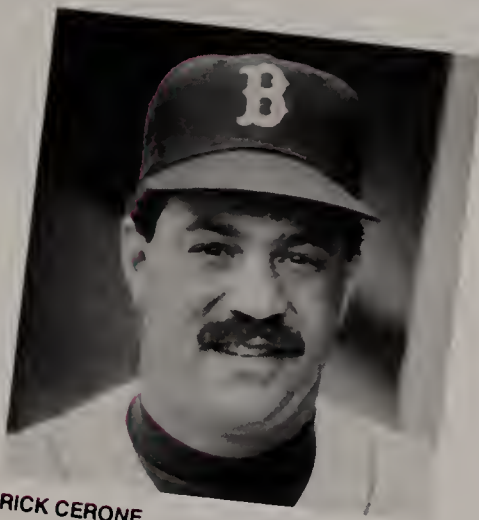
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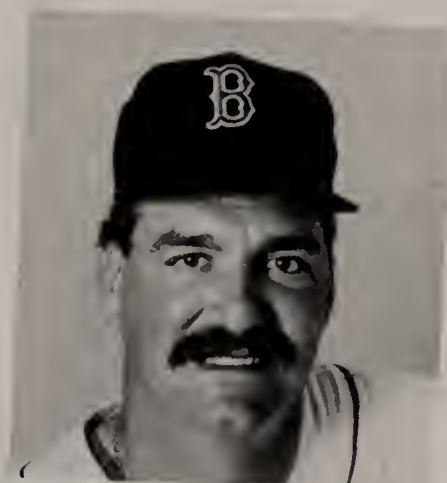
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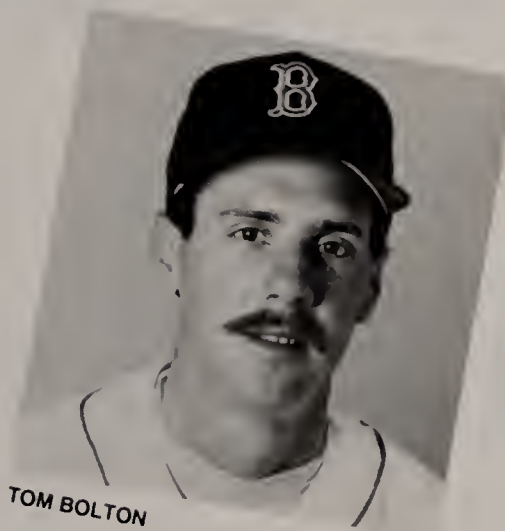
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KEVIN ROMINE

In his fourth season at Pawtucket hit .267 (131-491) in 129 games . . . Led PawSox in doubles (24) and stolen bases (21) . . . Recalled from Pawt Sept 1 . . . Appeared in nine games hitting .292 . . . Was Red Sox fourth pick in '82 June draft (2nd round) . . . All-American outfielder on Arizona State National Champions in 1982 . . . Grad Fountain Valley HS in '79 . . . Named All-State in baseball as Jr and Sr . . . All-State running back in football as senior . . . Earned 4 letters in track . . . Married with 2 children.

RICK CERONE

Signed as free agent 4/14/88 . . . Released by Yankees at end of spr. trg. . . In 1987 hit .243 in 113 gms. . . Led A.L. catchers with .998 field. pct. . . Appeared in 2 gms. as pitcher (2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 1 K) . . . Hit .357 with 1 HR and 2 RBI vs. Bost. . . Caught only 68 gms. for Milw. in '86 . . . Suffered broken rt. & left thumbs in '81 & '82 respectively . . . On 9/12/81 broke up Bob Ojeda's no-hit bid in 9th inng. with a 2B at N.Y. . . Had best season in 1980 (.277, 14 HR, 85 RBI) . . . 7th in MVP voting . . . Hit .410 in sr. yr. at Seton Hall U & set recs. in HR, RBI & TB.



TOM BOLTON

DENNIS LAMP

Signed to Pawt. contract Jan 5, 1988 by Red Sox . . . Signed by Clev. as free agent Feb. 5, 1987 but released in spring training . . . Signed by Oakland April 27 and sent to AAA Tacoma . . . Recalled by A's May 15 and had 31 relief apps and 5 starts (1-3, 5.08) . . . Did not allow an earned run in 7 str. rel. apps. (10 IP) Aug 8-20 . . . In 1986 with Toronto was 2-6, 5.05 in 40 games including 2 starts . . . 1985 was best season; 11-0, 3.32 in 52 rel. apps. and 1 start . . . Was Cubs' 3rd round pick in 1971 June draft . . . Grad from St. John Bosco H.S. in Bellflower, CA in 1971 . . . League MVP his jr. and sr. seasons . . . Married with two children and lives in Cohasset, MA.

MIKE SMITHSON

Started 1987 with Twins . . . Spent August with AAA Portland . . . Recalled for final month . . . For Twins was 4-7, 5.94 in 21 games (20 starts) . . . Dev. bone spurs in rt. elbow and placed on D.L. May 13 . . . Reactivated June 8, and after 0-3 in 6 starts, was sent to Portland July 30 . . . Was not tendered contract by Minn. at end of season and became a free agent . . . Signed to Pawt. contract Jan. 18, 1988 by Red Sox . . . Signed originally in 1976 by the Red Sox as 5th round pick in June draft . . . Was basketball and baseball star at U. of Tenn. . . 3rd best ERA in Cape Cod Lge. in 1975 with Orleans . . . Married with one child.

TOM BOLTON

Started '87 at Pawt, contract purchased by Bost. May 10 . . . Was 2-1, 5.40 ERA in 21.2 IP for Pawt. . . In 29 rel. apps. for Bost. was 1-0 with 4.38 ERA . . . M.L. debut May 17 in Minn. (2 IP, 1 R, 0 ER) . . . Made 12 apps. in June (17.2 IP, 19 Ks) . . . Only win was July 25 vs. Sea. (5 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 0 BB) . . . In 1986 suffered broken jaw in spr. trg. . . 3-4, 2.72 ERA in 86.0 IP for Pawt. . . Named to FSL All-Star team in 1982 at Winter Haven . . . Finished 9-8, 2.99 ERA in 25 starts and 3 rel. apps. . . Was MVP at Antioch H.S. (TN) in 1980 . . . Married during the off-season.

MIKE BODDICKER

Joined the Red Sox July 29 in a trade with Baltimore for OF Brady Anderson and RHP Curt Schilling . . . Made his Boston debut July 31, beating Milw. 5-0 . . . In 1988 with Baltimore he was 6-12 with 3.86 ERA in 21 starts . . . In 1987 he was 10-12 with 4.18 ERA . . . His best year was in 1984 when he led the league in wins (20-11) and ERA (2.79) . . . At end of '87 he was 7th in wins in the majors, 5th in complete games and tied for 4th in SHO.

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GAME #1 AT FENWAY PARK

The series opener saw Boston feature its ace pitcher as Clemens faced Mike Witt. Unfortunately for Boston, Clemens' game was off, and Witt pitched a masterpiece, pitching almost perfect baseball for six innings. Witt ended up with a five-hitter while striking out five in a 8-1 California victory in Boston. The Angels roughed up Clemens for seven earned runs and 10 hits in 7 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings, paced by a pair of Brian Downing two-run singles. Joyner, Boone and Gary Pettis also chipped in with two hits each. Barrett had two hits and the lone RBI for the Sox.

GAME #2 AT FENWAY PARK

Bruce Hurst pitched the Red Sox to a 9-2 victory as Boston knotted the series at one. Hurst went the distance displaying his pinpoint control by striking out four and walking no one while allowing one earned run. Kirk McCaskill pitched well, but was hurt by three seventh-inning Angel errors leading to three unearned runs. Marty Barrett had three hits and two RBI, while Rice had two hits, including an eighth-inning home run to cap the Boston victory. Eight of nine Red Sox starters contributed at least one hit.

GAME #3 AT ANAHEIM STADIUM

John Candelaria and Oil Can Boyd hooked up in a great pitching duel that for Boston lasted only six innings. Highlighted by a pair of two-out, seventh-inning home runs from Pettis and Dick Schofield, the Angels went one up on Boston in a 5-3 victory out west. With the score 1-1 and two out in the home half of the seventh, Boyd surrendered Schofield's shot, a single to Boone and then Pettis' blast. Boston countered with two in the eighth to cut the lead to 4-3, but California scored an insurance run on a Boggs error in the bottom of the inning. Candelaria posted the victory, and Donnie Moore pitched the final two innings for the save.

GAME #4 AT ANAHEIM STADIUM

In the all important game #4, Boston went back to Clemens on three days rest, while California countered with the crafty veteran, Don Sutton. The Sox appeared to have the win locked up as Clemens took a 3-0 lead into the ninth. But Clemens tired and Schiraldi faltered as California exploded for three runs and eventually won 4-3 in 11 innings on a Bobby Grich single, giving the Angels a commanding three games

to one lead. Five Angel pitchers allowed but six hits as Doug Corbett posted the win in relief, and Schiraldi the loss. Boston scored first in the sixth, as a Buckner double scored Tony Armas. Boston added two apparent insurance runs in the eighth, but they didn't hold up. DeCinces opened the ninth with a home run to cut the lead to 3-1. After allowing two singles, Clemens exited and Schiraldi was summoned. Rice misplayed a Pettis double for run number two, and Brian Downing was hit on a 1-2 pitch with the bases loaded for the third run.

GAME #5 AT ANAHEIM STADIUM

Boston rallied from near probable defeat to snatch a victory from the opponent in game #5, this time doing it when it counted most. Dave Henderson, a centerfielder acquired from Seattle during the season, was playing because of an injury sustained by Armas. He became an instant Boston hero by belting a two-out, two-run, ninth-inning homer and then later the game-winning sacrifice fly, as Boston rallied for a 7-6 win cutting the deficit to 3-2 and sending the series home to Boston.

Bruce Hurst and Mike Witt were the starters, both coming off great outings, Witt in game #1, Hurst in game #2. The Sox got two in the second on a two-run Gedman home run. But Boone hit a solo shot in the third. In the last of the sixth with one on, Grich hit a deep drive to left-centerfield, Henderson jumped to attempt a great catch at the top of the wall. Unfortunately, his momentum carried him into the wall knocking the ball loose for a two-run homer, a 3-2 Angel lead, and goat-status for a dejected Henderson. California added two in the seventh off Bob Stanley for a 5-2 lead and the fans sensed victory. But as they had done before, Boston roared back.

Buckner singled to start the ninth, and with one out, clubhouse leader Don Baylor towered a two-run homer to cut the lead to one. After getting Evans, Witt was replaced by lefty Gary Lucas to face Gedman who was 3-3 against Witt. Gedman was hit by Lucas, and Moore came in to face Henderson who nailed a 2-2 pitch to give Boston the lead. California countered in the bottom of the ninth, and the Sox scored in the 11th as Baylor was hit on the left elbow. Evans and Gedman singled and Henderson delivered. Schiraldi pitched a hitless 11th, striking out two for the save, and setting the stage for games #6 and #7.

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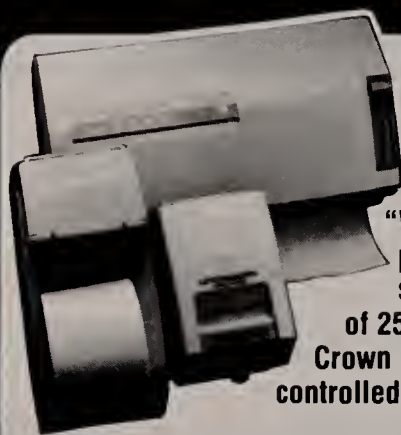
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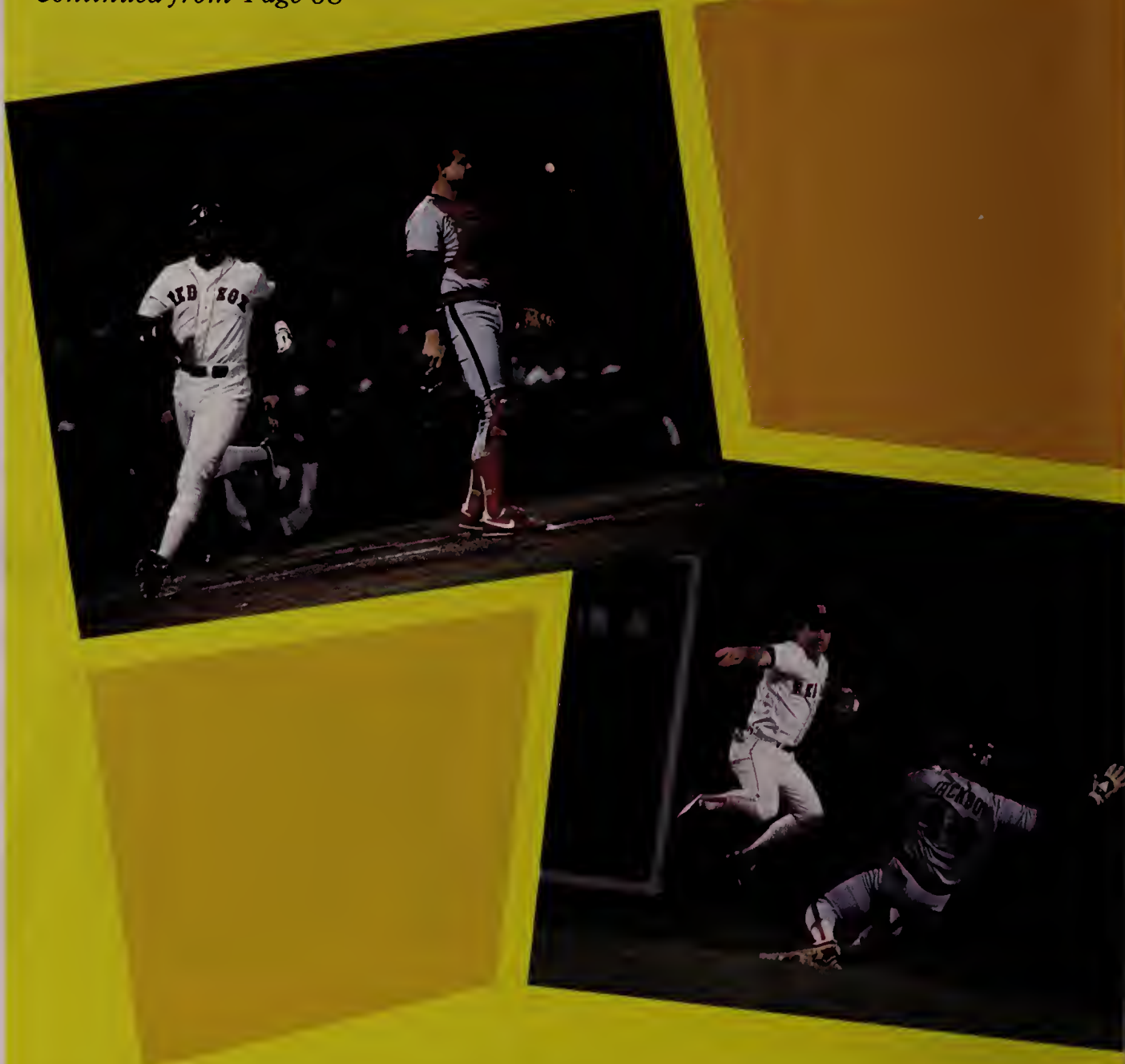
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GAME #6 AT FENWAY PARK

Oil Can Boyd pitched seven innings of three-run ball as Boston won handily 10-4. Boston raked four Angel pitchers for 16 hits paced by Owen's four, Barrett's three and two each by Buckner, Evans and Gedman. The Sox scored five runs on six hits in the third frame to take a commanding 7-2 lead. Owen and Boggs singled, Barrett doubled driving in one, and then Buckner, Baylor and Evans each singled giving Boston the lead for good.

GAME #7 AT FENWAY PARK

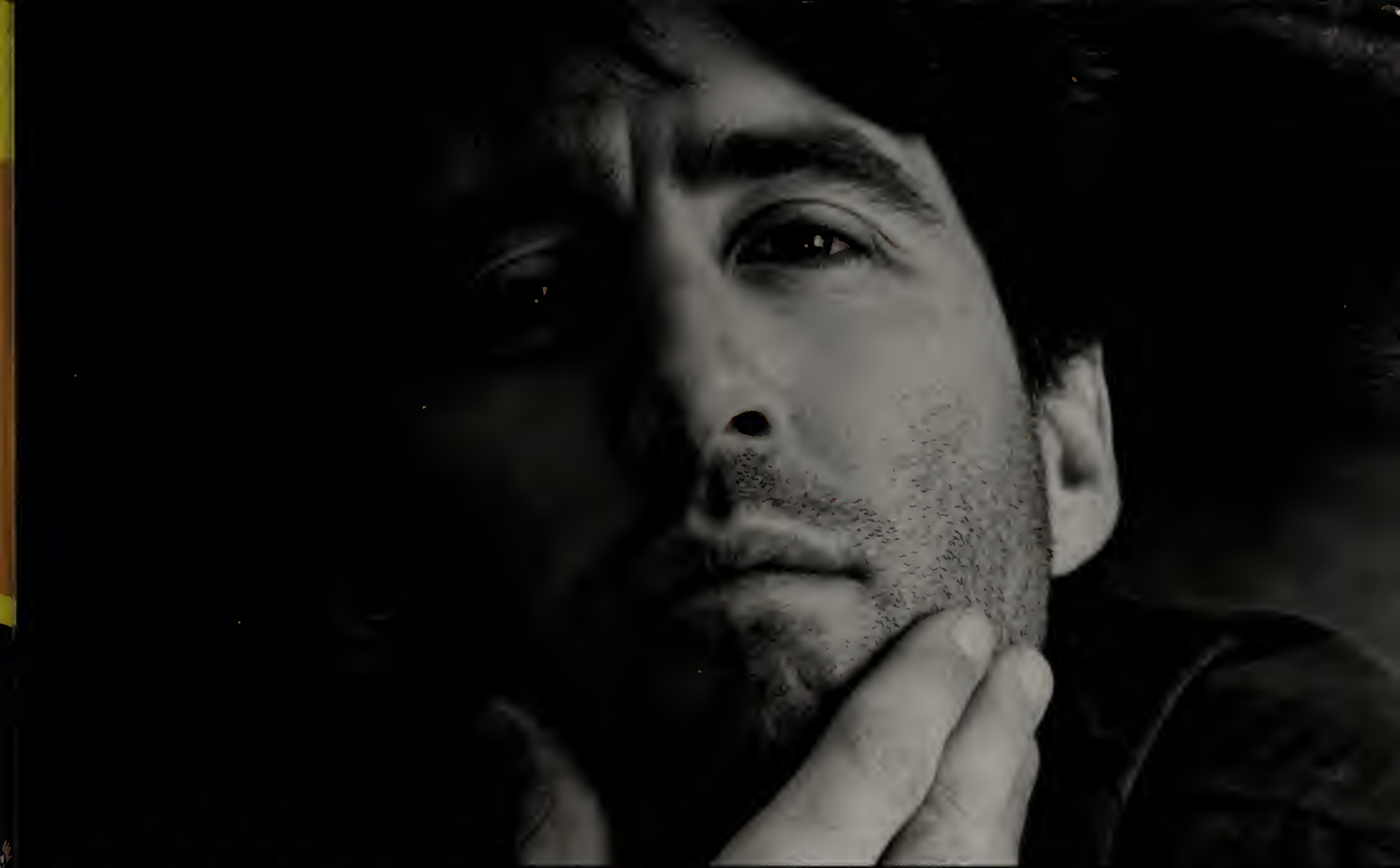
In the decisive seventh game in Fenway Park, McNamara gave the ball to Clemens for the third time in the series and the second time on three days rest. The Angels countered with Candelaria. Boston scored three in the second, four in the fourth and one in the seventh en route to a league-clinching 8-1 victory. Clemens went seven innings allowing but four hits and one run. Schiraldi pitched the final two frames striking out five. Both the second and fourth innings opened with errors accounting for seven unearned runs charged to Candelaria. Gedman had the game-winning hit, Boggs contributed a two-run single, and Jim Rice belted a three-run homer, propelling Boston into the World Series for the first time since 1975.



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